



Trump takes on Google, alleges bias in searches

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump lashed out at U.S. tech companies Tuesday, accusing Google and others of suppressing conservative voices and "hiding information" and good news. He cited no evidence for the claim, which echoes both his own attacks on the press and a conservative talking point. Google, operator of the world's most popular search engine, responded by saying: "We never rank search results to manipulate political sentiment." Trump tweeted before dawn: "This is a very serious situation-will be addressed!" Hours later, Larry Kudlow, the president's top economic adviser, said the White House is "taking a look" at whether Google searches should be subject to some government regulation.



President Donald Trump listens to a question during a meeting with FIFA president Gianni Infantino and United States Soccer Federation president Carlos Cordeiro in the Oval Office of the White House, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in Washington

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Republicans resist plan to rename Senate building for McCain

By **MATTHEW DALY**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal to rename the Senate's oldest office building for John McCain ran into resistance Tuesday from Republican senators reluctant to take away an honor already bestowed on an earlier Senate titan — and a leader of Southern senators during a tumultuous era in the nation's history.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, looking to defuse a budding controversy, said he will form a bipartisan panel to solicit ideas on the best way to honor the late Arizona senator.

McCain "meant so much to so many of us — inside this chamber and out," McConnell said Tuesday in a speech on the Senate floor. "The Senate is eager to work on concrete ways to continue this momentum and provide a lasting tribute to this American hero long after this week's observances are complete."

Besides the proposal to rename the Russell Senate Office building, lawmakers



In this file photo from Monday, May 6, 2013, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., laughs as he and Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, cross paths in the Russell Senate Office Building, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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may consider naming a room used by the Senate Armed Services Committee after McCain, who was the panel's chairman, McConnell said. Another idea is to add McCain's portrait to a reception room right off the Senate floor, joining

such giants as Henry Clay, Daniel Webster and Robert Taft. Only seven senators are honored with portraits there.

McConnell was careful not to make a specific recommendation.

Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer had proposed renaming the Russell building in McCain's honor after the veteran Republican senator died Saturday from brain cancer.

The 109-year-old building is named after Sen. Richard Russell, a Georgia Democrat who, like McCain, chaired the Armed Services panel. Russell, who died in 1971, was a segregationist and led Southern opposition to anti-lynching bills and other civil rights legislation, including the 1964 Civil Rights Act. He co-authored the "Southern Manifesto" to slow the integration of public schools after the Supreme Court unanimously ordered it in 1954.

Previously known simply as the Senate Office Building, it was renamed in Russell's honor the year after his death.

While some Republicans were receptive to Schumer's proposal, many were hesitant to rename a building that honors a senator who served for nearly four decades and was a for-

midable presence known as a "senator's senator" because of his mastery of Senate rules. An ardent defender of the defense budget, Russell also was author of the School Lunch Act, which provides free and low-cost meals in public schools.

Republican Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, who served with McCain for 31 years, said he was in favor of "naming almost any building" for McCain, but added, "I'm not sure that I would make a decision on a specific building at this point."

Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona, who co-sponsored the measure, said renaming the building would be "a particularly good" way to honor McCain, but wanted to make sure McCain's family agreed.

Georgia's GOP Sen. David Perdue, whose own office was once used by Russell, said he's unsure if residents back home would accept a name change for the building.

"This is Washington. There's going to be 50 percent for something and 50 percent against something," Perdue said Tuesday.

The Senate should spend time finding "the right way" to memorialize McCain's service, Perdue said. "To

knee jerk, to do anything — any suggestion — right now is premature," he said.

Republicans backed McConnell's plan to study the issue, with some saying McCain himself would appreciate the GOP leader's commitment to "regular order," including the process of committee work.

McCain "didn't want ideas cooked up in some back room and sprung on the Senate," said Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the No. 2 Republican senator.

"I'd name the Capitol after the old guy if I could," joked Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., McCain's closest friend in the Senate.

More seriously, Graham said the Capitol Visitor Center could be named for McCain. The 10-year-old building is not named for anyone.

"What a great way to be exposed to the Capitol by hearing the life story of John McCain," Graham said, noting that McCain served in the House and Senate, was a Navy aviator and a war hero who was held prisoner for more than five years in North Vietnam. "Instead of worrying about what to name for him ... let's be more like him," Graham said.

Fellow Tennessee Republican Sen. Bob Corker said he was "all for" renaming the building in McCain's honor but that "there'll probably be some discussion about that" in both parties.

"Russell is somebody that's obviously a huge figure, but it is an era that's gone by. We're in a new era now," Corker said Monday.

"Who would want to vote against naming a building after somebody who just passed away?" Corker asked, before answering his own question. "There may be some curmudgeon that wouldn't want to do that."

"I think Russell being named Russell is that generation of senators' message to future generations," Cassidy said. "What I don't want is to establish a precedent so something named after John McCain is named after somebody else in the future." □

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Trump has made similar complaints before, but he carried it a step further Tuesday.

"Google search results for 'Trump News' shows only the viewing/reporting of Fake New Media. In other words, they have it RIGGED, for me & others, so that almost all stories & news is BAD. Fake CNN is prominent. Republican/Conservative & Fair Media is shut out. Illegal?" He added, without offering evidence, that "96% of results on 'Trump News' are from National Left-Wing Media, very dangerous."

A query Tuesday morning several hours after the president tweeted showed stories from CNN, ABC News, Fox News and the MarketWatch business site, among others. A similar search later in the day for "Trump" had Fox News, the president's favored cable network, among the top results.

Trump tweeted that Google and others "are controlling what we can & cannot see."

In response, Google said its goal is to make sure users of its search engine get the most relevant answers to their queries quickly.

"Search is not used to set a political agenda and we don't bias our results toward any political ideology," the Mountain View, California-based company said. "Every year, we issue hundreds of improvements to our algorithms to ensure they surface high-quality content in response to users' queries."

"We continually work to improve Google Search and we never rank search results to manipulate political sentiment."

Google searches aim to surface the most relevant pages in response to a user's query, even before he or she finishes typing. The answers that appear first are the ones Google's formulas, with some help from human content reviewers, deem to be the most authoritative, informative and relevant. Many factors help decide the initial results, including how much time people spend on a page, how many other pages link to it, how well it's designed and more.

A search for "why is the sky blue?" for example, yields initial results from NASA, universities and "Scientific American."

Similarly, entering "Trump" and clicking the "news" tab will produce results from mainstream media outlets that large swaths of the population tend to trust. That is even though Trump has derided some of these outlets as "fake news."

Trump and some supporters have long accused Silicon Valley companies of being biased against them. But, while some company executives may lean liberal, they have long asserted that their products are without political bias, and indeed no such bias has been proven.

Trump didn't say what he based his tweets on. But in a blog post over the weekend, conservative activist Paula Boylard had said she found "blatant prioritization of left-leaning and anti-Trump media outlets" in search results.

Boylard based her judgments on which media outlets were left- or right-leaning on a list by Sharyl Attkisson, host of Sinclair Television's "Full Measure" and author of "The Smear: How Shady Political Operatives and Fake News Control What You See, Think, and How You Vote." Sinclair is a significant outlet for conservative views.

Trump began complaining about the issue earlier this month as social media companies moved to ban right-wing "Infowars" conspiracy theorist Alex Jones from their platforms. The president also argues regularly — and falsely — that the news media avoid writing positive stories about him and his administration. Apple, YouTube and Spotify have permanently removed some of Jones' content, Facebook has suspended him for 30 days and removed some of his pages, and Twitter gave Jones a weeklong timeout and was mulling deeper changes to try to limit the spread of fake news, misinformation and hate speech.

Trump has not named Jones, who is being sued for saying the 2012 shooting massacre at Sandy Hook



A cursor moves over Google's search engine page on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in Portland, Ore. Political leanings don't factor into Google's search algorithm. But the authoritativeness of page links the algorithm spits out and the perception of thousands of human raters do.

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Elementary School was staged, in any tweets on the issue. Jones has since said he believes the shooting did occur and has argued that the lawsuit should be dismissed because he was

acting as a journalist. Trump has praised Jones' "amazing" reputation.

The issue is also of concern on Capitol Hill, where the House Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired

by Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., recently announced that Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey will testify before the panel on Sept. 5 about the platform's algorithms and content monitoring. □



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Who is Bruce Ohr? Justice official has attracted GOP ire

By **MARY CLARE JALONICK**
 and **ERIC TUCKER**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bruce Ohr was a relatively anonymous lawyer at the Justice Department for more than 25 years. But he's now caught up in a Republican maelstrom of criticism toward the department, with some of President Donald Trump's allies implying that he helped conspire against Trump's election.

Two GOP-led House committees are interviewing Ohr behind closed doors Tuesday as part of an investigation into decisions made by the department in 2016. They are interested in Ohr — who has also been the subject of Trump's angry tweets — because of his relationship with Christopher Steele, the former British spy whose opposition research on Trump's Russia ties was compiled into a dossier and turned over to the FBI.

At least seven Republican House members traveled to Washington for the interview, which is being held during the House's August recess. No Democratic lawmakers appeared to attend, though staffers are in the room.

A look at Bruce Ohr and why Republicans are talking to him:

A SEASONED OFFICIAL

A Harvard-educated lawyer who was a federal prosecutor in Manhattan in the 1990s, Ohr later oversaw the Justice Department's organized crime and racketeering section and, at the time of the presidential election, was a high-ranking official in the deputy attorney general's office with oversight of a program that doles out grants to federal prosecutors for complex



Justice Department official, Bruce G. Ohr, center, arrives for a closed hearing of the House Judiciary and House Oversight committees on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

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drug trafficking cases.

Colleagues and associates describe Ohr as a mild-mannered, affable, steady presence in a department where turnover and transition are common.

"I definitely remember him to be a sort of quiet, soft-spoken, very warm and humble kind of a guy," said Evan Barr, who overlapped with him in the U.S. Attorney's Office in New York. "He was widely respected in the office."

RELATIONSHIP WITH A FORMER SPY

It's Ohr's relationship with Steele that has given fodder to Republican critics in Congress and raised concerns that he was operating outside his job description.

The two had met a decade earlier, bonding over a mutual interest in Russian or-

ganized crime and forging a friendly relationship that persisted over the years.

Though Ohr did not handle national security or counterintelligence work in the deputy attorney general's office, he nonetheless became a point of contact for Steele to share information with in the months leading up to the 2016 presidential election. Ohr passed along tidbits he learned to the FBI, which was conducting its own investigation.

The co-founder of Fusion GPS, the political research firm that hired Steele for the investigation, told House lawmakers in a closed-door meeting last year that he also met with Ohr at Steele's behest amid what he said was anxiety that federal investigators were not taking seriously enough the threat of Russian election interference and the

information that Steele had accumulated.

"And so Chris suggested I give some information to Bruce, give him the background to all this. And we eventually met at a coffee shop, and I told him the story," said Glenn Simpson, who helped start the firm. Aside from their own personal connection, Ohr's wife, Nellie, was working at Fusion GPS — a connection Trump and his allies have seized on as they allege anti-Trump bias in the department.

During breaks from the interview, several of the GOP lawmakers said Ohr's testimony differed from Simpson's and shed new light on the credibility of the dossier. But they would not give details.

THE BEGINNING OF AN INVESTIGATION

Peter Strzok, the recently fired FBI agent who led the Russia investigation, told Congress last month that Ohr provided the FBI with "material that I believe originated from Mr. Steele," though he said he never personally received information from Ohr. Strzok said he met with Ohr as many as five times in late 2016 and early 2017.

The dossier also was not the linchpin of the FBI's investigation into potential coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign. That investigation had begun months before the bureau received those files in September 2016, and was triggered by information about George Papadopoulos, a Trump campaign aide who told a professor the Russians possessed "dirt" on Clinton in the form of emails. Strzok also said it was "not Mr. Ohr who provided the initial documents that I became aware of in mid-September."

Nevertheless, Republicans have suggested the dossier created a politically tainted pretext for the investigation. Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan, a Republican who has led criticism of the Justice Department and the FBI, called Strzok's revelation in the hearing "amazing."

The interviews have been part of a larger campaign to question special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election interference and potential coordination with the Trump campaign. Republican Rep. Matt Goetz, one of the Republicans who attended the interview, said that, so far, Ohr's interview and others have shown an "excessive reliance" on the dossier. □

Texan says he's selling 3D-printed gun plans, despite ruling

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The owner of a Texas company that makes untraceable 3D-printed guns said Tuesday that he has begun selling the blueprints through his website to anyone who wants to make one, despite a federal court order barring him from posting the plans online.

Cody Wilson said at a news conference that he started selling the plans Tuesday morning and that he had already received nearly 400 orders. He said he'll sell the plans for as little as a penny to anyone in the U.S. who wants them.

"Anyone who wants to get these files is going to get them," Wilson said, noting he can only sell to U.S. customers. "They can name their own price."

Wilson said that blueprints purchased through his company's website could be downloaded on a thumb drive and shipped to buyers by standard mail, sent by email or sent by some other secure download transfer. Some of his first sales included purchases made with crypto currency, he said.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia had sought an injunction to stop a settlement that the State Department reached with Wilson's Austin-based company, Defense Distributed, after the agency removed the 3D gun-making plans from a list of weapons or technical data that are not allowed to be exported. The states argued that online access to the undetectable plastic guns would pose a security risk and could be acquired by felons or terrorists.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik in Seattle blocked Defense Distributed from posting the blueprints online, saying, "It is the untraceable and undetectable nature of these small firearms that poses a unique danger."

Wilson said he believes the ruling allows him to sell the

blueprints even if he can't post them online for free, widespread distribution.

"Regulation under the (law) means that the files cannot be uploaded to the internet, but they can be emailed, mailed, securely transmitted, or otherwise published within the United States," the ruling said on its final page.

"I'm following yesterday's orders that direct me to sell the files," Wilson said. "The judge was very gracious to put that in black lettering." Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson, whose office oversaw the federal lawsuit, said Tuesday that he believes the judge's ruling makes Wilson's latest actions illegal. "Because of our lawsuit, it is once again illegal to post downloadable gun files to the internet. I trust the federal government will hold Cody Wilson, a self-described 'crypto-anarchist,' accountable to that law," Ferguson said. "If



In this Aug. 1, 2018, file photo, Cody Wilson, with Defense Distributed, holds a 3D-printed gun called the Liberator at his shop in Austin, Texas.

Associated Press

they don't, President Trump will be responsible for anyone who is hurt or killed as a result of these weapons."

Andy Reuss, a U.S. Department of Justice spokesman, declined to comment.

Wilson said he anticipates that states may try to sue to stop him from selling the plans, but that he is raising money for his legal defense. He also said he will continue to challenge the Monday court order.

Wilson said he believes he could have previously sold the blueprints but didn't because he wanted to be able to post them online for widespread, free distribution. "For many years I chose not to sell these files. I

was an open source advocate," Wilson said. "I don't expect to make money on it." □



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Toxic pesticides found at most illegal California pot farms

By **DON THOMPSON**

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) —

Nine of every 10 illegal marijuana farms raided in California this year contained traces of powerful and potentially lethal pesticides that are poisoning wildlife and could endanger water supplies, researchers and federal authorities said Tuesday.

That's a jump from chemicals found at about 75 percent of illegal growing operations discovered on public land last year, and it's six times as high as in 2012.

Federal and state officials launched a summer-long crackdown driven in part by new concern over the increase in the use of the highly toxic pesticide carbofuran.

Researcher Mourad Gabriel, one of the few researchers studying the ecological impact of illicit grow sites, said the pesticide is so powerful that a quarter-teaspoon can kill a 300-pound (136-kilogram) bear.

He and fellow researchers at the Integral Ecology Research Center in northwestern California found 89 percent of sites this year have been confirmed or are strongly suspected to be contaminated with what he called "highly deadly toxic chemicals."

The crackdown aided by



In this Jan. 23, 2018, file photo, McGregor Scott, the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, speaks during a news conference in Sacramento, Calif.

Associated Press

\$2.5 million in federal money led to 95 growing sites and the removal of more than 10 tons of fertilizer, pesticides and chemicals. U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said federal authorities are concentrating their efforts on hazardous illegal grows on public land instead of targeting California's new recreational marijuana industry.

"This isn't about the marijuana, it's about the damage that's being done," he said in an interview before a news conference to announce the findings. "What is happening here is illegal

under anybody's law."

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, who leads the nation's largest marijuana eradication program, said state drug agents last week found gallons of carbofuran being added to irrigation water at an illegal site in northwestern California. The water ultimately makes it into the water supply in a rugged, mountainous area near the city of Redding.

Investigators suspect some illegal grows are now being moved into agricultural areas where they blend in alongside legitimate mari-

jjuana and other crops. For example, they raided two illegal marijuana farms south of Sacramento this summer based on information on a cellphone found at an illegal grow in the Mendocino National Forest last year, Scott said.

"Because of the legalization, our operating theory is that it's a whole lot easier to go set up a greenhouse in the valley somewhere than it to have to pack all of this stuff into the national forest," he said in the interview.

The pot is mostly headed out of state and could not

pass California's stringent standards for legal weed because traces of the toxic chemicals are often found in the plants, officials said.

U.S. Forest Service Chief Forester Vicki Christiansen estimated that 1.2 billion gallons (4.5 billion liters) of scarce water are diverted to illicit grows in California national forests each year. And California is not alone, with illegal drug traffickers found in 72 national forests in 21 states, she said, calling it "a major national problem."

Authorities seized nearly 640,000 plants, more than 25,000 pounds of processed pot, more than 80 firearms, \$225,000 in cash and made nearly 80 arrests in California. They hauled out nearly 60 tons of trash, including nearly 84 miles (135 kilometers) of irrigation hose.

Work crews cleaned up 160 toxic sites, but have a waiting list of 830 contaminated sites, some found eight years ago and still awaiting their turn.

Part of the problem is the lethal pesticides pose a danger to cleanup crews, Scott said in the interview.

"If they go in and there's a certain level of toxicity, they just have to back away and then let time go by before they can safely go in and try to do the reclamation," he said. □

Environmental groups fight back against corporate lawsuits

By **BLAKE NICHOLSON**

Associated Press

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) —

Twenty environmental and civil liberties groups are fighting back against lawsuits they believe are aimed at limiting free speech and silencing critics.

The "Protect the Protest"

task force announced Tuesday targets what are known as strategic lawsuits against public participation, or SLAPP, which use legal action and the threat of financial risk to deter people and groups from speaking out against something they oppose.

"We know from our own experience that this legal bullying tactic will work if it's not shut down," said Katie Redford, co-founder and director of EarthRights International.

The effort is to include billboard advertisements, training sessions for journal-

ists and nonprofits, panel discussions and rallies outside the corporate offices of companies the groups believe use such lawsuits.

Rallies are planned next week in San Francisco, New York City and Dallas. Dallas is the base for Energy Transfer Partners, the company

that built the Dakota Access oil pipeline and sued Greenpeace, Earth First and BankTrack for up to \$1 billion for allegedly working to undermine the \$3.8 billion project to move North Dakota oil to a shipping point in Illinois. □



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Chicago fire claims 10th kid as agency probes neglect claim

By **DON BABWIN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The deadliest residential fire in years in Chicago claimed its tenth and final victim on Tuesday, as a 14-year-old boy who barely survived the blaze died at a hospital.

Although authorities initially believed that two of the people killed by the pre-dawn Sunday fire at a Southwest Side apartment were adults, fire department spokesman Larry Langford said they were all children who ranged in age from three months to their teens.

Investigators on Tuesday were still trying to determine the cause of the fire, but a police spokesman, Anthony Guglielmi, said they had ruled out arson. There were no working smoke alarms or adults at the home when the fire broke out, and the state's Department of Children and Family Services said Tuesday that it was investigating "allegations of neglect" involving the children. A department spokeswoman, Alissandra Calderon, declined to go into further detail about the nature of the allegations. Only two of the children didn't die at the scene, the teen who died Tuesday morning, Adrian Hernandez, and another 14-year-old who died Monday at a hospital.

In an email to The Associated Press, Calderon said several families were affected by the fire and that her agency had had past dealings with three of them, though there were no pending DCFS investigations involving those families at the time of the fire.

Guglielmi said the police department is communicating with DCFS about the fire and that it's possible the department could launch a criminal investigation.

Langford said the investigation revealed that the 10 kids attending a sleepover in the home were apparently overwhelmed by smoke as they slept and never even awoke to flee the fire.

"From where the bodies were, there is a high probability ... that they were overcome by smoke," Langford said. "We didn't find anybody that looked like they were trying to get out the door."

Had there been even a single working smoke alarm in the building, the victims could have simply walked out the front door to safety, he said.

While the police have ruled out arson, Langford said fire investigators were still trying to determine the exact cause of the deadliest residential fire in the city in well over a decade.

He said investigators determined that the fire started on a back porch and that




This Sunday, Aug. 26, 2018, photo shows damaged buildings at the scene of a fatal fire that killed several people including multiple children in Chicago.

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they have ruled out electrical wiring problems as a cause. After learning that children had set off fire-


works from the porch and that people smoked cigarettes there, investigators were trying to determine

what activities might have occurred on the porch before the fire. □



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French environment minister quits: World 'not doing enough'

By JOHN LEICESTER

Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — France's high-profile environment minister unexpectedly announced his resignation live on national radio Tuesday, lamenting the government's lack of decisive action on green issues. The move deals a stinging blow to the environmental credibility of President Emmanuel Macron.

Clearly emotional, Nicolas Hulot said he'd not even told his wife, let alone Macron or the prime minister, of his decision to stand down. The long-time environmental advocate lamented France's slow pace of progress on green issues

and his own lack of power to force change.

His on-air resignation on France Inter radio was so out of the blue that the first reaction from an interviewer was: "Are you serious?"

"I no longer want to lie to myself," Hulot said. "I don't want to create the illusion that my presence in government means that we're up to standard on these issues, and so I am deciding to quit the government."

Recruiting Hulot as a minister had been a coup for Macron, who has sought to position France as a champion in the fight against environmental degradation and as a counterweight to the climate change at-



In this Thursday, Dec. 6, 2012 file photo, environmental activist Nicolas Hulot, smiles as he leaves the Elysee Palace in Paris, France.

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titudes of President Donald Trump.

Losing Hulot so suddenly

will force a ministerial reshuffle and casts doubt on the strength of Macron's

commitment to "make our planet great again." Macron's office confirmed there will be a reshuffle, but said it won't happen while the French leader is visiting Denmark and Finland this week.

Speaking in Denmark, Macron defended his government as having "done more than any other on this subject." He urged patience, saying: "It's a fight that isn't won from one day to the next."

Hulot expressed hope that his resignation would stir French politicians and the public into action, calling it "an act of mobilization."

"I no longer believe," Hulot said. □

Protests planned as N Ireland matches no-government record

By JILL LAWLESS

LONDON (AP) — Protesters demanded Northern Ireland's feuding political parties get back to governing, as the region matched a world record Tuesday for the longest peacetime period without a government. It has been 589 days since the Catholic-Protestant power-sharing administration collapsed in January 2017 over a botched green-energy project. The rift soon widened to broader cultural and political issues separating Northern Ireland's British unionists and Irish nationalists, and attempts to restore the government have stalled.

Belgium spent 589 days without an elected government between 2010 and 2011.



In this Monday, Jan. 16, 2017 file photo, a road sweeper van passes Stormont, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Associated Press

Protesters used the hashtag #wedesevbetter to call for the former governing parties, the Democratic Unionists and Sinn Fein, to restore the power-sharing government. Demonstrators planned to hold demonstrations in several cities

on Tuesday evening.

Civil servants have run the government in Northern Ireland since the administration collapsed, with major spending and policy decisions deferred. The British government stepped in to approve Northern Ireland's

budget, but has resisted pressure to take direct control from London.

The political crisis has left 1.8 million people without a government and threatens power-sharing, the key achievement of the 1998 peace accord that ended decades of violence and bloodshed in Northern Ireland.

The British government agreed there was an "urgent need to resolve the current impasse." It said Tuesday its priority was "to secure a basis for political talks and re-establish a locally elected, democratically accountable devolved government at the earliest opportunity."

But there was little sign of reconciliation from Northern Ireland's politicians.

Democratic Unionist Party leader Arlene Foster said it was "long past the time to get back into government," but claimed Sinn Fein was the problem.

The DUP marked Tuesday's milestone by unfurling a banner outside the Stormont government building calling on Sinn Fein to end its "boycott" of government. Sinn Fein says the DUP is prolonging the stalemate by refusing to back legal protection for the Irish language and by blocking same-sex marriage, which is legal everywhere in the U.K. apart from Northern Ireland. "Those rights issues will continue to have to be addressed, they are still here, they are still part of the reason why this institution collapsed." □

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In Spain, renewed efforts to appease victims of dictatorship

By ARITZ PARRA

PATERNA, Spain (AP) — Remedios Ferrer scrutinizes a pit where forensic archaeologists are brushing away dusty soil and white traces of quicklime, unearthing four fractured skulls amid a mass of bones and decaying clothes.

Her anarchist grandfather, Mariano Brines, was summarily executed by a firing squad in Paterna months after Gen. Francisco Franco proclaimed his victory in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War. According to the family's account, Brines was buried along with 99 other sympathizers of the fallen republican regime just as the dictatorship cemented its authoritarian grip.

Eight decades on, a new center-left government's move to exhume Franco from a controversial shrine also raised attention over an unresolved issue linked to his regime — the hundreds of anonymous mass graves that testify to the dictatorship's brutality.

Such efforts, legally active at least for the past decade, have been erratic, intermittent and led by victims' descendants forced to seek independent, non-state funding, which has raised criticism from United Nations bodies and human rights organizations.

But for descendants of victims like Ferrer, whose parents led her to French exile as a 2-year-old and died before discovering Brines' burial site, even the changes sought by Spain's new Socialist government are coming too late.

"It makes me sad and angry, because it was heart-breaking for my mom,



Floral wreaths are placed at a wall called "El Paredon" where people were allegedly executed by General Franco's regime closed to the cemetery of Paterna, near Valencia, Spain, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Associated Press

and before her for my grandmother, to know that grandpa was buried here like an animal," said Ferrer, now 66. "They should be the ones standing here."

Paterna is a town in the outskirts of coastal Valencia that has prospered in the shadow of an infamous execution wall still standing near the cemetery, holes of bullets still visible among flower bouquets and memorials that locals place to remember the atrocities committed at the site.

Military and civil guard firing squads shot dead at least 2,238 prisoners here according to historians' research and the cemetery's records. The remains are believed to have been thrown into 70 different mass graves and covered

in the quicklime to seal off the site.

On Tuesday, graveyard number 112 — where two batches of 50 prisoners were inhumed months after the war ended in April 1939 — was the latest to be opened in Paterna. After days of careful digging underneath a layer of ordinary, casket-burials, piles of skeletons emerged.

Alex Calpe, one of the independent archaeologists working at the site on behalf of relatives those killed, says the experts' work must be "thorough" because its goal is "to deliver closure to the victims' families."

Countrywide, the task ahead remains daunting. Mass graves are believed to hold at least 114,000 victims of the Spanish Civil

War — in which half a million people are believed to have died on all sides — and the four decades of Francoism that followed.

Exhumation efforts began in earnest in 2007 with a new Historic Memory Law that condemned atrocities committed during Franco's regime, which lasted until 1975. But the law fell short, leaving it up to local and regional governments to fund exhumations and DNA tests — which were often paid for by relatives through crowd-funding. The previous conservative administration declined to allocate any budget.

"This is not a matter of politics, whether left or right-wing this is something that should be done," said Carmen Gomez, who leads the

association of 42 relatives who pushed for the opening of graveyard number 112, ultimately paid for by a grant last year from the provincial government of Valencia.

On Tuesday, armed with the evidence of remains showing cracked bones suggesting torture or violent deaths, Gomez and Calpe's team of archaeologists showed up in Paterna's local courthouse to request authorities to open a criminal investigation.

The group explained that judges tend to dismiss the cases because crimes over 20 years old fall under a 1977 amnesty law that was key in ensuring the country's peaceful transition to democracy, by protecting officials and members of Franco's security forces from future prosecution.

Gomez says the amnesty law should be changed, or scrapped altogether, because it deprives their deceased relatives from justice. But the government has not shown any signs of wanting to revisit Franco-era judicial decisions in its efforts to amend the 2007 Historic Memory Law.

"I'm not looking for punishment for anybody, but we don't want our relatives to remain criminals in the eyes of history," Gomez said.

For Ferrer, the exiled relative, the unearthing of the grave where Brines is thought to be unleashed a tidal wave of hope and sadness. But she said it was a necessary step.

"This country can't remain with such shame and darkness covered by layers of soil," she said. "This country deserves real sunlight." □

UN experts: Possible war crimes by all parties in Yemen

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — U.N. human rights experts said Tuesday the governments of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia may have been responsible for war crimes since Yemen's conflict intensified 3½ years ago, including rape, torture, arbitrary detention and use of child soldiers.

Their report — the first since being mandated to investigate by the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council nearly a year ago — is increasing international pressure on the Saudis' Western-backed coalition that already has been widely condemned for devastating airstrikes on civilians as well as combatants.

The U.N. panel also pointed to possible war crimes by the Iran-aligned Houthi rebels who have been fighting the coalition that gets support from the U.S., Britain and France.

In one of the first reactions to the report, a Saudi diplomat told The Associated Press that findings were "not accurate."

In 2015, Saudi Arabia announced it would lead a coalition of countries to against the Houthi rebels who had ousted Yemen's internationally recognized government.

In the years since then, the U.N. says the conflict has become the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with more than 22 million people in desperate need in what is already the Arab world's poorest country. The experts documented 6,475 deaths from March 2015 until last June, but said the real figure is likely to be significantly higher. Other groups have estimated that more than 10,000 have been killed — excluding over 2,300 cholera deaths since April 2017 amid pitiful water supplies.

"Despite the severity of the situation, we continue to witness a total disregard of the suffering of the people of Yemen," said one of the experts, British human rights lawyer Charles Garraway. "This crisis has reached its



Kamel Jendoubi, is flanked by Charles Garraway and Alessandra Vellucci, as they inform on the publication of report on the establishment of facts and circumstances surrounding alleged violations and abuses committed by all parties to the conflict in Yemen.

Associated Press

peak, with no apparent sight of light at the end of the tunnel."

"It is indeed a forgotten crisis," he added.

The report said the experts from Britain, Tunisia and Australia have "reasonable grounds to believe that the governments of Yemen, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia are responsible for human rights violations."

Among the violations were unlawful "deprivation of the right to life," arbitrary detention, rape, torture, enforced disappearances and child recruitment, the report said, adding that the Houthis were to blame for many of the same abuses. Much of the onus fell on Saudi Arabia, criticized for airstrikes that have hit schools, hospitals and wedding parties. One airstrike struck a bus near a market in Saada province, a Houthi stronghold, in northern Yemen on Aug. 9, killing more than 50 people, including 40 children, and wounding dozens.

Nearly a dozen deadly airstrikes the experts investigated in the last year "raise serious questions about the targeting process applied by the coalition," the report said. It chastised some in-the-field coalition fighters for "routinely" failing to seek information about tar-

gets on official "no-strike" lists that should have been avoided.

At a Pentagon news conference Tuesday, Defense Secretary Jim Mattis said the U.S. intends to continue backing the coalition despite civilian casualties and questions about the Saudis' commitment to avoiding killing innocents.

He defended U.S. support for the coalition, saying American influence on the Arab air campaign has made a difference in reducing instances of errant bombing and the targeting of civilians.

He noted, however, that U.S. support is conditioned on a Saudi commitment to doing "everything humanly possible" to avoid any loss of innocent life and Riyadh supporting a U.N.-brokered peace process to end the civil war. The U.S. provides the coalition with intelligence, aerial refueling and military advice, but U.S. forces are not directly involved in the airstrikes or other fighting.

The experts' report urged the international community to "refrain from providing arms that could be used in the conflict"—an apparent reference to Western countries that have sold sophisticated weapons systems to the Gulf states. It also was an apparent reference to

Saudi nemesis Iran, which the coalition has accused of arming the Houthis.

They sharply criticized work by the coalition's Joint Incidents Assessment Team, which was set up as a bulwark against possible rights violations. They questioned the JIAT's explanations for the airstrikes that have killed civilians, and challenged its "independence and its ability to carry out impartial investigations."

The experts began their investigation following a rights council resolution in September 2017 — with the assent of the Saudis themselves. The Saudis repeatedly had resisted earlier diplomatic efforts to organize a more-intrusive investigation of possible crimes and rights abuses in Yemen, and criticized the experts' findings.

The experts said they drew up a "confidential list" of people suspected of committing international crimes and are giving it to the office of the U.N. human rights chief. They declined to specify the number or say whether they were on rebel or government sides. The AP reported last year that the UAE and its allied militias were running a network of secret detention facilities, beyond Yemeni government control. In June, the AP reported

hundreds of detainees had been subjected to sexual abuse and torture.

The Shiite rebels control some of Yemen's most populated western and northern areas, and human rights advocates have faulted them for planting land mines and targeting religious minorities and imprisoned opponents.

Abdulaziz al-Alwasil, the Saudi ambassador to the U.N. in Geneva, told the AP that the report was "not accurate" and overlooked the bigger picture of an armed Houthi militia illegally seizing territory from an internationally recognized government and at times firing missiles in Saudi Arabia.

"It (the report) is surprising for us because it doesn't reflect the reality," he said.

"We genuinely want to improve the situation in Yemen: We are spending money there, our people are getting killed there. And Yemen is not a wealthy state. It's just our neighbor. And we think it is our responsibility to make sure that this country is not used to attack the neighboring countries."

Al-Alwasil insisted the coalition regularly reviewed its operations and would do so "with or without" the report.

"I don't think it's going to have a major impact in the way that we review our procedures or the way we conduct our military operations," he said.

In his response to the report, UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash tweeted that his country "must review it, answer its merits and review what it says about the horrors of the Houthis."

The U.N. refugee agency, meanwhile, said more than 450 civilians were killed in Yemen in the first nine days of August, making it one of the deadliest periods since the start of the war. Since June, the coalition has waged an offensive to clear the port city of Hodeida — pivotal for the entry of humanitarian aid — of the Houthis and restore government control. □

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Duterte faces new 'crimes against humanity' complaint

By JIM GOMEZ

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —

Relatives of several people slain in the Philippine president's anti-drug campaign asked the International Criminal Court on Tuesday to prosecute him for alleged crimes against humanity, in the second such request for a ruling on thousands of deaths that have occurred during the crackdown.

Lawyer Edre Olalia said a 50-page complaint against President Rodrigo Duterte was sent to an ICC prosecutor by email. Olalia said it accuses Duterte of ordering, inciting or tolerating the drug killings from the start of his presidency in mid-2016 to this month. The Duterte administration said it expects the effort to fail. A similar complaint against Duterte was filed by a Filipino lawyer before the ICC last year and is currently being examined by a prosecutor. It focuses on killings during an earlier crackdown by Duterte when he was mayor of southern Davao city.

In their complaint Tuesday,



New Philippine Supreme Court Chief Justice Teresita Leonardo De Castro prepares to hear petition against President Duterte's decision to pull out of International Criminal Court during an en banc session Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in Manila, Philippines.

Associated Press

the parents, sisters and wife of eight slain drug suspects seek an indictment of Duterte and reparations for the deaths that occurred during police anti-drug raids. The complainants also include a nongovernment group that helps families of victims, and are represented by a legal group, the National Union of Peoples' Lawyers, led by Olalia. "It is our hope that with the

court taking jurisdiction of herein complaint, it may force President Duterte to re-examine, if not abandon, his distorted notion of mass murder to solve the country's drug and crime problem," the complainants said.

"The intervention of the ICC will save thousands more from slaughter," they said in the complaint, adding that instead of showing re-

morse Duterte had vowed to "continue his killing rampage" during a state of the nation speech last month in which he stressed the crackdown will press on "as relentless and chilling as on the first day it began."

The international court, which is based in The Hague, receives many such communications about alleged crimes from around the world and pros-

ecutors are not obliged to open preliminary investigations based on them.

The first complaint against Duterte, which was filed by Filipino lawyer Jude Sabio, is currently being examined by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda. Prior to the filing of Sabio's information, Bensouda said she was "deeply concerned" by reports of killings in the Philippines, adding that statements by "high officials" in the country "seem to condone such killings."

Duterte, a 73-year-old former government prosecutor, denies condoning extrajudicial killings but has openly threatened drug dealers with death. "Remorselessly and incorrigibly, President Duterte's statements are a command to kill," the complainants said, citing his offer of bounties for drug suspects and law enforcers who profit from drug crimes.

Duterte has moved to withdraw the Philippines from the ICC, but the court has said the move would not affect Bensouda's preliminary examination. □



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Report: Nearly 3,000 deaths in Puerto Rico linked to Maria

By **DANICA COTO**

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Hurricane Maria killed nearly 3,000 people in Puerto Rico in the desperate, sweltering months after the storm — almost double the previous government estimate — with the elderly and impoverished hit hardest, according to an independent study ordered by the U.S. territory.

The new estimate of 2,975 dead in the six months after Maria devastated the island in September 2017 and knocked out the entire electrical grid was made by researchers with the Milken Institute School of Public Health at George Washington University. It was released Tuesday.

"We are hopeful that the government will accept this as an official death toll," said Lynn Goldman, dean of the institute. "A lesson from this is that efforts for assistance and recovery need to focus as much as possible on lower-income areas, on people who are older, who are more vulnerable."

The finding is almost twice the government's previous estimate, included in a recent report to Congress, that there were 1,427 more deaths than normal in the three months after the storm.

The George Washington researchers said the official count from the Sept. 20 hurricane was low in part because doctors were not trained in how to classify deaths after a disaster.

The number of deaths from September 2017 to February 2018 was 22 percent



In this Oct. 5, 2017 file photo, Puerto Rican national flag is mounted on debris of damaged home in aftermath of Hurricane Maria in seaside slum La Perla, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Associated Press

higher than the same period in previous years, Goldman said.

The office of Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello did not immediately return a message for comment.

The number of dead has political implications for the Trump administration, which was accused of responding half-heartedly to the disaster. Shortly after the storm, when the official death toll stood at 16, President Donald Trump marveled over the small loss of life compared to that of "a real catastrophe like Katrina."

Hurricane Katrina, which struck New Orleans in 2005, was directly responsible for about 1,200 deaths, according to the National Hurricane Center. That does not include indirect deaths of the sort the George

Washington researchers counted in Puerto Rico.

Rep. Nydia Velazquez, a New York Democrat, said the report shows the U.S. government failed the people of Puerto Rico.

"These numbers are only the latest to underscore that the federal response to the hurricanes was disastrously inadequate and, as a result, thousands of our fellow American citizens lost their lives," she said in a statement.

There is no national standard for how to count disaster-related deaths. While the National Hurricane Center reports only direct deaths, such as those caused by flying debris or drowning, some local governments may include indirect deaths from such things as heart attacks and house fires.

Researchers with George Washington said they counted deaths over the span of six months — a much longer period than usual — because so many people were without power during that time.

"That caused a number of issues," Goldman said, adding that people were forced to exert themselves physically or were exposed to intense heat without fans or air conditioning. "It's fairly striking that you have so many households without electricity for so long. That's unusual in the U.S. after a disaster."

Puerto Rico's government released data in June showing increases in several illnesses in 2017 that could have been linked to the storm: Cases of sepsis, a serious bloodstream infection usually caused

by bacteria, rose from 708 in 2016 to 835 last year. Deaths from diabetes went from 3,151 to 3,250, and deaths from heart illnesses increased from 5,417 to 5,586.

Bethzaida Rosado said government and health care officials were not prepared for the storm, and she is still angry her 76-year-old mother died because oxygen tanks were not available on the island after the hurricane.

"Do you know what it's like to see your mother run out of oxygen?" she said. "I don't wish that on anyone." Months ago, the Rossello administration stopped updating its official death toll at 64 and ordered the independent investigation amid suspicions the dead were substantially undercounted.

The first phase of the study cost \$305,000. In the second phase, the researchers plan to focus on the causes of death.

The researchers found that the risk of death was 45 percent higher for those living in impoverished communities, and that men older than 65 saw a continuous elevated risk of death.

They also reported that physicians and others told them that Puerto Rico's government did not notify them about federal guidelines on how to document deaths related to a major disaster.

"Others expressed reluctance to relate deaths to hurricanes due to concern about the subjectivity of this determination and about liability," the report said. □

LOCAL

SHIFT



SAN NICOLAS — Test screening of the new film **Shift** in Aruba is a hit say the locals who got a chance to see it on Saturday 25th August. A crowd of over 200 came out to witness the feature film they help make.

SHIFT is a feature film written and directed by Wayne G Saunders.

Most of the cinematography and production is done by his company Boss Crowns. Saunders has created an aesthetically pleasing film, and by all reviews is considered a cinematic success. The desert-like feel with the vibrant Caribbean environments are enhanced by great acting by locals (Jefferson Paris, Wayline, Donayre,

Judah Gumbs and Donald Kock) who for many have never done any acting or had any experience making a film.

The native language, Papiamentu which is mixture of Spanish, Portuguese, Dutch and English is spoken throughout. Saunders, who is featured in the film, doesn't speak in the film but is exceptional; if it was a challenge to make Shift is was certainly worth it. Especially when you think of the island and its Americanization, Shift does not focus on this much and the story is not obvious. **The greatest thing about the film is it has a chance to be true and commercial success. This film has a rhythm and vibe that symbolizes Boss**

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Married with two children, Wayne has worked with ITN and other media partnership for the past 10 years, as a camera operator and as a self-shooting producer, director and editor. He also works as a freelance media teacher, running film

and drama workshops with inner-city youths and does guest lectures at schools and universities. Saunders has a BSc (Hon) New Technology and Media Communications and MA, Screenplay Writing and Producing. "My passion has enabled me to train and mentor over 6,800 participants around the U.K. and the Caribbean. It has also allowed me to provide video and filming services for the community. Boss Crowns Film school in barking has won an INTO Film Award and Wayne has received an award from the mayor of London for 'outstanding contribution to improving London' and the quality of life for Londoners. He also won Prestigious Production Base Award Freelancer of the Year: Beyond the Call of Duty. Saunders is featured in the British Film Institute book 'Teaching Black Cinema.' He has developed an innovative editing style in which layers of images and sounds flow and overlap in a dreamlike manner. He is also featured in 'The Black British Filmmaker's Guide to Success.' Wayne has just finished a feature film shot in Aruba and helped produce a television commercial for ITV. □



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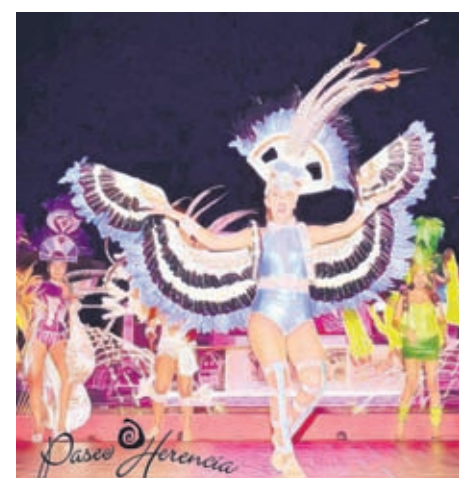
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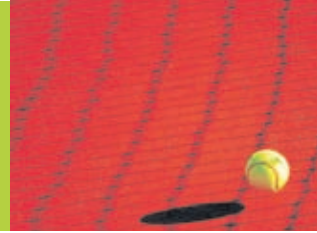


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SPORTS



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, uses ice towels to cool off during a changeover in his match against Marton Fucsovics, of Hungary, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in New York.

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Djokovic turns to 'survival mode' to win

By HOWARD FENDRICH

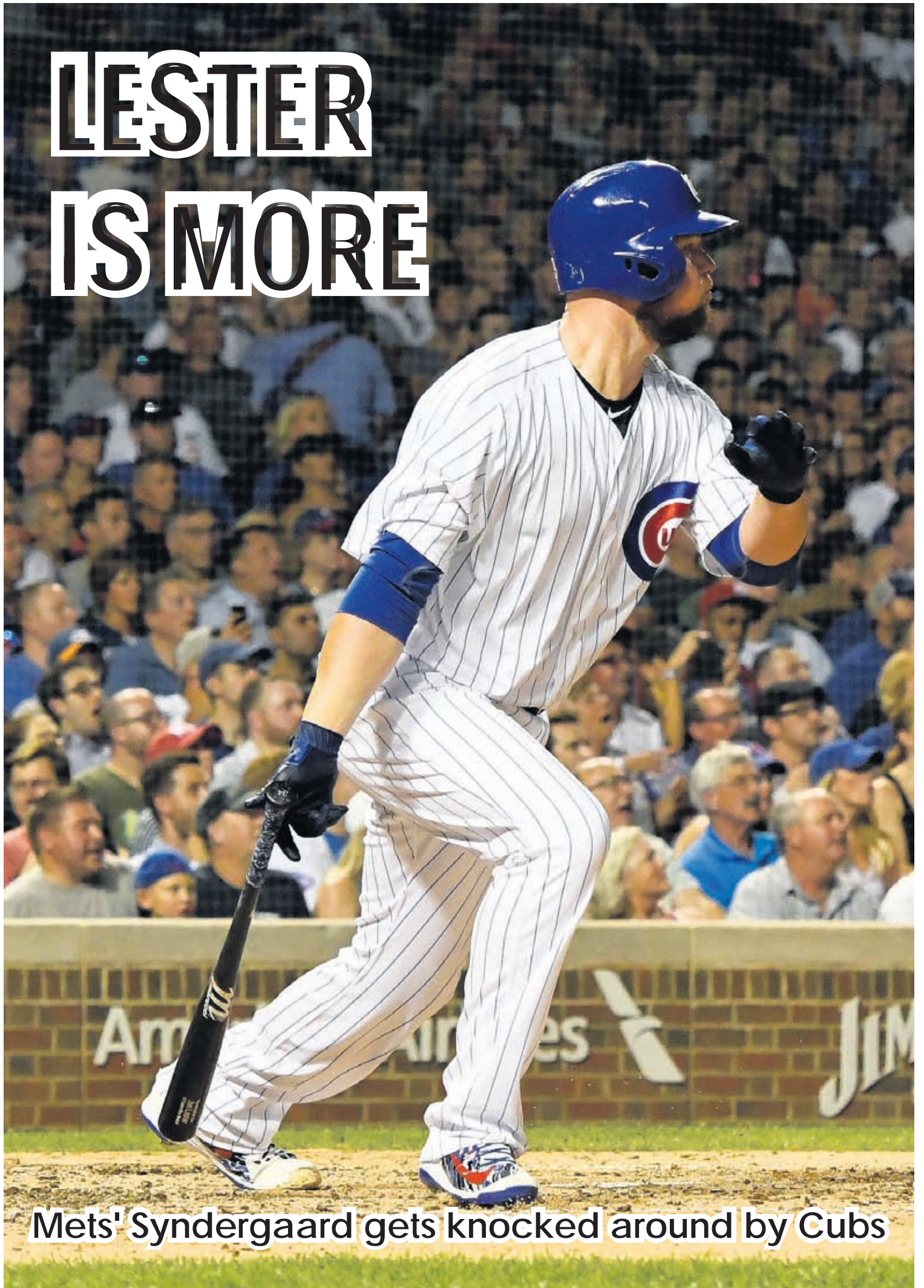
NEW YORK (AP) — His cheeks red, hair matted with sweat, Novak Djokovic appeared to be in such distress as he trudged to a changeover on a steamy U.S. Open afternoon that someone suggested it would be a good idea to have a trash can at the ready, just in case he lost his lunch.

Djokovic sat down and removed his shirt. He guzzled water from a plastic bottle. He placed one cold towel around his neck, a second across his lap and a third between his bare upper back and the seat.

He was not even 1½ hours into his first match at Flushing Meadows in two years, and while Djokovic eventually would get past Marton Fucsovics 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0 Tuesday, it was a bit of an ordeal.

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LESTER IS MORE



Mets' Syndergaard gets knocked around by Cubs

Chicago Cubs' Jon Lester watches his two RBI-single during the third inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in Chicago.

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"Survival mode," Djokovic called it.

With the temperature topping 95 degrees (33 Celsius) and the humidity approaching 50 percent — and that combination making it feel more like 105 (40 C) — nearly everything became a struggle for every player across the grounds on Day 2 of the U.S. Open, so much so that no fewer than five quit their matches, with three citing cramps or heat exhaustion. About 2 hours into the day's schedule, the U.S. Tennis Association decided to do something it never had at this tournament: offer men the chance to take a 10-minute break before the fourth set if a match went that far. That is similar to the existing rule for women, which allows for 10 minutes of rest before a third set when there is excessive heat.

The whole thing raised several questions: Should the genders have the same rules moving forward? Should the U.S. Open avoid having matches during the hottest part of the day, not just for the players' sake but also to help spectators? Should the men play best-of-three-set matches at majors, instead of best-of-five? Should the 25-second serve clock, making its Grand Slam debut here, be shut off to let players have more time to recover between points?

"At the end of the day, the ATP or a lot of the supervi-

sors, they're kind of sitting in their offices, where (there's) an A.C. system on, where it's cool. And we have to be out there. They tell us it's fine; they're not the ones playing," said No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev, who won in straight sets in the early evening, when it was far less harsh. "For sure, the rule should be more strict. There should be a certain temperature, certain conditions where we shouldn't be playing."

How bad was it out there at its worst Tuesday?

"Bloody hot," said two-time major semifinalist Johanna Konta, who lost 6-2, 6-2 to No. 6 Caroline Garcia.

"Brutal," said 2014 U.S. Open champion Marin Cilic, who advanced when his opponent retired in the third set.

"Really not easy," said three-time Grand Slam title winner Angelique Kerber, who defeated Margarita Gasparyan 7-6 (5), 6-3.

"Terrible. It's awful out there," said Tennyis Sandgren, an American who won in straight sets and will face Djokovic in the second round. "I don't know how guys are hanging in there. I was thinking in the third set, like, 'It's getting really bad. I just don't know how long I have to play out there.' And I think everybody kind of feels similarly." Djokovic certainly did.

"Everything is boiling — in your body, the brain, everything," said Djokovic, who's won two of his 13 Grand Slam titles in New York but sat out last year's U.S. Open because of an injured right



Novak Djokovic, of Serbia, takes a moment behind the baseline during his match against Marton Fucsovics, of Hungary, during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018, in New York.

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elbow.

He is a popular pick to hoist the trophy again, coming off a Wimbledon title in July and a victory over Roger Federer in the final of the hard-court Cincinnati Masters in August. Federer was among those lucky enough to play a night match Tuesday, facing Yoshihito Nishikita of Japan.

Djokovic was appreciative of the chance for a chance to recover a bit after the third set. He even took about a minute for a quick ice bath — as did Fucsovics, nearby.

"Naked in the ice baths, next to each other," Djokovic

said. "It was quite a magnificent feeling, I must say." Because action began at 11 a.m., and the USTA implemented the heat rule for men at about 1 p.m., those playing in the earliest matches weren't able to get that sort of relief.

That included Italy's Stefano Travaglia, who quit in the fourth set of his match after feeling dizzy and cramps. Afterward, he said, he could barely walk.

"My head was spinning. ... I didn't have any energy. I saw four balls when I swung. It was a terrible feeling. I couldn't stay on court," he said. "There was no sense in

continuing. Things probably would have gotten worse. I probably would have hurt myself."

Travaglia also thought it wasn't fair that the USTA's decision to offer the 10-minute breaks came too late for him.

"We all should play with the same rules in this sport. Unfortunately, they don't ask (players) anything, and they decide," he said. "If they're going to have a break, they need to say so in the morning, before matches begin — not after I almost was going to pass out because my blood pressure was so low." □

Bolt to play 1st game for Australian club in quest to go pro



Jamaica's Usain Bolt at his press conference with the Central Coast Mariners soccer team in Newcastle, Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

Associated Press

GOSFORD, Australia (AP) — Usain Bolt will make his debut for the Central Coast Mariners in an Australian A-League pre-season exhibition game against an amateur team.

The eight-time Olympic sprinting gold medalist from Jamaica is on trial with the Mariners, hoping to win a professional contract.

He has been practicing this week on the left wing and expects to play about 15 to 20 minutes in that position during Friday's exhibition match.

Club officials are predicting a crowd of 12,000 for

the home game in Gosford, north of Sydney.

Bolt, who is at home on a much larger stage, expected to be nervous on his debut.

"There definitely will be nerves, it's not like it's a charity game anymore," Bolt said. "I expect to make mistakes but I also expect to go out there, make myself proud and to push myself. 'I know I'm not going to have a perfect game.'"

Bolt had his first full practice session with the Mariners on Tuesday after taking time to ease into his new role during his first week with the

club. He appeared at times to struggle with the pace and demands of training.

Some critics have said Bolt's bid to turn professional is little more than a gimmick, but staff at the club say they're giving the world's fastest runner a chance to prove himself.

"The thing he's struggling with more than anything else right now is getting used to the football fitness," Mariners coach Mike Mulvey said. He said in terms of skills, Bolt is "doing OK."

"He's got rudimentary skills, there's no problem about that," Mulvey said. □

Eagles start on top of 1st AP Pro 32 poll of 2018 season

By SIMMI BUTTAR

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Eagles are looking for a Green Repeat.

Led by Nick Foles, the Philadelphia Eagles won their first Super Bowl last season with a 41-33 victory over the New England Patriots. Foles took over last season when Carson Wentz tore the ACL and LCL in his left knee. Wentz is not expected to be ready when the Eagles begin defense of their title on Sept. 6 by hosting the Atlanta Falcons to open the NFL's regular season.

The Patriots are the most recent team to win consecutive championships, winning Super Bowls 38 and 39. And the Eagles will start their quest as the top team in the first AP Pro 32 poll of the 2018 season.

The Eagles received six of the 12 first-place votes and 367 points in balloting by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

The Patriots, who have been to eight Super Bowls in the Tom Brady and Bill Belichick era, were a close second — just as they were in the loss to the Eagles in Minneapolis. The Patriots received three first-place votes and finished with 366 points.

"As long as the Killer B's, Brady and Belichick, reside

in Foxborough, the Pats will loom as the team to beat," said Ira Kaufman of SB Nation Radio.

The Minnesota Vikings, who lost to the Eagles in the NFC championship game, are No. 3. The Vikings added quarterback Kirk Cousins in the offseason to a team with high expectations.

"Is Kirk Cousins the answer? That's the only question about this team," Pro Football Talk's Charean Williams said.

The Los Angeles Rams, who won the NFC West last season, earned two first-place votes and are No. 4.

"(Brandin) Cooks dynamite in new offense," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said of the speedy wide receiver who had 1,082 yards last season in New England.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, who have won three of the past four AFC North titles, are No. 5.

Drew Brees and the Saints received the other first-place vote and will start the season at No. 6.

"My projected Super Bowl winner leads this list," said Alex Marvez of The Sporting News. "Tom Benson would have loved the Super Bowl 53 post party."

The Jacksonville Jaguars, who were in position to reach the Super Bowl until blowing a fourth-quarter lead at New England in the



In this Feb. 4, 2018, file photo, Philadelphia Eagles' Chris Maragos, Brandon Graham, Fletcher Cox, Malcolm Jenkins and Carson Wentz, from left, walk to midfield before the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game against the New England Patriots in Minneapolis.

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AFC title game, are No. 7. The Jaguars will start the season short-handed after they lost receiver Marqise Lee for the season with a knee injury. He was hurt in a preseason game against the Falcons, who are No. 8 in the poll.

The Packers, who slumped to a 7-9 season after Aaron

Rodgers broke his collarbone, will begin at No. 9. And L.A.'s other team, the Chargers, round out the top 10.

At the bottom of the poll, the Colts will start at No. 30 despite the return of franchise QB Andrew Luck.

The Browns, who have lost 31 of 32 games in the past

two seasons, are fittingly No. 31. The Browns will have a tough opener as they host the Steelers.

And the Jets, who could start rookie Sam Darnold at QB, will begin in last place at No. 32. "The future may be bright with Sam Darnold, but the present looks brutal," Marvez said. □

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Morales' HR streak ends at 7 as O's beat Blue Jays 7-0

By The Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — Kendrys Morales had his home run streak snapped at seven games by the Baltimore Orioles, who ended an eight-game skid by defeating the Toronto Blue Jays 7-0 on Monday night.

Striving to tie the major league record of homering in eight straight games, Morales went 0 for 3 with a walk and did not hit the ball out of the infield. In his final chance, the Toronto slugger swung through a slider from Paul Fry to strike out in the eighth inning.

Though he failed to match the mark shared by Dale Long, Don Mattingly and Ken Griffey Jr., Morales owns the big league record for successive games with a home run by a switch-hitter. He also owns the franchise record for consecutive games with a long ball. Facing Baltimore rookie David Hess, against whom he homered last week, Morales struck out in the first inning, grounded out in the fourth and drew a four-pitch walk in the sixth.

Hess (3-8) tossed six innings of four-hit ball to earn his first win since May 25. He was 0-7 in his previous 12 starts, though he did pitch very well against Toronto his last time out.

The game was scoreless until the Orioles broke through in the sixth against Sam Gaviglio (3-7).

Trey Mancini homered and matched a career high with five RBIs as Baltimore improved to 2-12 against Toronto with its first win since Aug. 18.

ASTROS 11, ATHLETICS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Alex Bregman and Tyler White homered and drove in four runs apiece as Houston rallied to beat Oakland in the opener of their AL West



Toronto Blue Jays' Kendrys Morales walks off the field after striking out swinging in the eighth inning of a baseball game against the Baltimore Orioles, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in Baltimore.

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showdown.

It was the sixth straight win for the first-place Astros, who moved to 2 1/2 games ahead of the Athletics.

George Springer and Jose Altuve each drove in a run during a five-run third inning that erased an early 4-0 deficit. This was the first game with Springer, Altuve and Carlos Correa in the lineup together since June 25. Springer, who pinch-hit Sunday, missed the previous five games with a quadriceps injury.

Bregman tied a career high with four hits.

The A's jumped on starter Gerrit Cole (12-5) for four runs behind a two-run homer by Marcus Semien in the second and a two-run run shot by Matt Chapman in the third.

Cole allowed four hits and struck out eight to move ahead of teammate Justin Verlander (229) and into first place in the AL with 234 strikeouts.

Brett Anderson (3-4) allowed five runs and seven hits in 2 2/3 innings.

WHITE SOX 6, YANKEES 2
NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Rodon pitched two-hit ball

over seven innings, Yoan Moncada doubled in two runs and the surging Chicago White Sox beat New York for their fourth straight win.

Rodon (6-3) allowed a two-run homer to Gleyber Torres but was strong otherwise, and Chicago's bullpen closed out a three-hitter. The White Sox have won 10 of 13 and clinched their first winning month this season by improving to 15-10 in August.

Rodon is 5-0 with a 1.84 ERA in his past nine starts. The 25-year-old left-hander

hasn't lost since June 30.

New York (83-48) missed an opportunity to gain ground on the idle Red Sox, falling 6 1/2 games back of the AL East leaders. The Yankees were coming off four-game sweep in Baltimore and had won eight of nine, shaving 4 1/2 games off Boston's lead in a span of eight days. Yankees starter Masahiro Tanaka (9-5) permitted four runs in seven innings. He gave up 10 hits, equaling a career high.

ANGELS 10, ROCKIES 7

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Mike Trout and Shohei Ohtani homered, Eric Young Jr. drove in the go-ahead run during a five-run eighth inning and Los Angeles blew a three-run lead before rallying past Colorado to snap a six-game skid. After DJ LeMahieu's first career grand slam put the Rockies up 7-5 in the eighth, the struggling Angels improbably mounted a five-run surge in the bottom of the inning.

Los Angeles loaded the bases against Adam Ottavino (6-3) and got a run on Andrelton Simmons' sacrifice fly before Young capped an eight-pitch at-bat with a two-out, bases-loaded single off Seunghwan Oh. The Angels added two insurance runs on shortstop Trevor Story's throwing error.

Ohtani hit a three-run shot and Trout added his first homer since returning from injury for the Angels, who have won 11 of their last 12 meetings with Colorado. Noe Ramirez earned his first career save.

Tony Wolters hit an early homer for the Rockies, but their bullpen wasted a chance to pull even with Arizona atop the NL West. Jim Johnson (5-3) was the winner. □



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Lester helps Cubs beat Mets 7-4 for 6th straight win

By The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Jon Lester pitched six innings, drove in two runs with a timely single off Noah Syndergaard and made two nice plays in the field to help Chicago beat New York Mets for its sixth consecutive victory.

Anthony Rizzo homered and Daniel Murphy reached three more times from the leadoff spot as the NL-leading Cubs moved a season-high 24 games over .500 by improving to 5-0 against the Mets this year. Murphy, who began his career with the Mets, is batting .407 (11 for 27) in six games since he was acquired in a trade with Washington.

Lester was in line for his 15th win before Kevin Plawecki hit a solo homer off Steve Cishek (4-1) in the seventh, tying it at 4 on a warm and windy night at Wrigley Field. But the Cubs went ahead to stay with two runs in the bottom half, including Ben Zobrist's tiebreaking double off Jerry Blevins (1-2).

New York loaded the bases in the ninth before Jesse Chavez struck out Amed Rosario and Austin Jackson for his third save of the season, helping the Cubs (77-53) increase their NL Central lead to 4 1/2 games over idle St. Louis.

Michael Conforto hit a tape-measure homer for New York. Syndergaard allowed four runs and nine hits in six innings.

NATIONALS 5, PHILLIES 3

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Stephen Strasburg threw six effective innings, Matt Wieters hit a solo homer and Washington defeated Philadelphia. Strasburg (7-

7) gave up two runs and five hits, striking out five. He rebounded from a rough start against Philadelphia last week in his return from the disabled list. The Phillies fell 3 1/2 games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East after losing the opener for the seventh straight series. They're 6-12 since Aug. 8 and have dropped five games in the standings during that span. Zach Eflin (9-5) allowed five runs — three earned — and eight hits in 5 1/3 innings. His throwing error in the fourth cost him. Rhys Hoskins hit his 27th homer for Philadelphia. Justin Miller tossed a perfect ninth for his first save.

GIANTS 2, DIAMONDBACKS 0

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chris Stratton threw a career-high eight innings to outpitch Patrick Corbin, and Steven Duggar hit an early two-run homer as San Francisco blanked Arizona. The Diamondbacks remained a game up in the NL West over Colorado when the Rockies lost to the Angels.

Stratton (9-7) permitted five hits, struck out six and allowed only two runners past first base. He walked none and retired 17 of his final 18 batters to win for the first time since June 17.

Tony Watson set down two hitters and Hunter Strickland got one out for his 14th save, completing the five-hitter.

Corbin (10-5) had nine strikeouts and one walk in seven innings while absorbing his first loss in six starts against the Giants this season. He gave up four hits. □



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jon Lester delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets on Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, in Chicago.

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Behind science of DeChambeau is a tireless worker

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — The description of Bryson DeChambeau as a "mad scientist" is appropriate as long as this much is understood.

The scientist is always working, always searching, rarely satisfied.

DeChambeau, without question, is a "different kind of cat." Those were his words last week after he shot a career-low 63 to take a four-shot lead into the final round, and then missed only two greens and never let anyone closer than two shots at The Northern Trust.

It was his third PGA Tour victory in a little more than a year, moving him to No. 12 in the world and, for the moment, No. 1 in the FedEx Cup.

He does love his science.

DeChambeau talks more about biomechanics than birdies and bogeys.

When he withdrew after the first round of the Valspar Championship in March with an injury, he described it the following week as inflammation of his QL. Perhaps noticing some blank looks, or realizing not everyone speaks the same language, DeChambeau explained.

"It was because my quadratus lumborum wasn't working," he said. "My iliopsoas, longissimus thoracis, they were all kind of overworking, if you want to get technical on that. But they weren't working very well and I overworked them."

More blank stares.

"Pretty much my lower right back was hurting and I rested it," he said. "How about that?"



Bryson DeChambeau eyes his putt as he places his ball on the green at the 18th hole during the third round of the Northern Trust golf tournament, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, in Paramus, N.J.

Associated Press

So this scientist also has a sense of humor.

DeChambeau is the NCAA and U.S. Amateur champion who uses single-length shafts — 37½ inches, or roughly the length of a 7-iron — in all his clubs. He believes it could be revolutionary in golf, and he might be right. He also believes there is more than one way to skin a cat, even a different kind of cat.

Beneath it all is a 24-year-old Californian with a relentless work ethic.

That's what makes him tick. Video captured him so frustrated on the range at the British Open that at one point he crouched and put

both hands over his face. That doesn't make him different. It makes him a golfer. He had another long range session on the eve of The Northern Trust. And he worked as long as light would allow Saturday after a 63.

"It's half of what I do in my off weeks," DeChambeau said. "People don't realize how hard I work to try and get a better understanding of my biomechanics. I've never really been super talented. People would disagree with that, but I've always had to work twice as hard as everybody growing up. I was never as good as a junior. Right around

14, 15, I started working really hard and that's kind of what changed my game." A physics major at SMU, he was asked if he was an A student in high school. Yes. But he had to work for it.

"I wasn't great at reading and writing," DeChambeau said. "But I certainly worked my butt off to be an A student. And I'll never forget the first time I got a B in high school. I was mortified because I had worked so hard, and I just wasn't good enough in writing. ... That's been me my whole life. I've had to grind and work it out and figure it out on my own."

Reading. Writing. Notice he didn't mention arithmetic. He smiled.

"Well, that's a given, I think," he said. "I do like numbers. I'm more of a theoretical guy than a data-analytics guy. For whatever reason, God has blessed me to see things in just a unique and different way in regards to spatial awareness, if you want to say that."

No one followed up on spatial awareness.

DeChambeau has found a practice round partner in Tiger Woods, or maybe it was the other way around. They both use the same brand of ball, and Woods always has been intrigued by a different way of playing golf.

During those rounds, Woods has picked up on the essence of DeChambeau.

"We all know he's extremely intelligent," Woods said.

"But his heart, he gives it everything he has and is always trying to get better."

It was one year ago when DeChambeau developed a severe callus on the top of his finger, an odd place for it. He attributed it to having oversized grips, the way he holds the club and, of course, long hours. That's when it was jokingly suggested that he not practice so much.

"Come on. You kidding me?" he said. "Every day that you don't spend practicing is another day somebody is getting better. That was a quote I took from Hogan." Ben Hogan never talked much about spatial awareness, standard deviation and proprioception. But he knew hard work. Hogan might have liked this guy. □

Hail Mary: Tony Romo to try Web.com Tour qualifying

By DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

Tony Romo received a sponsor's exemption to play an opposite-field event on the PGA Tour this year. His next foray into golf is something he wants to earn.

The former Dallas Cowboys quarterback and CBS foot-

ball analyst has entered the Web.com Tour qualifying tournament, which starts Wednesday morning at Lantana Golf Club in Texas. This will be the pre-qualifying stage, the start of a long road toward earning status on the Web.com Tour.

He has entered as an am-

ateur. Romo shots rounds of 77-82 to miss the cut in the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship in March, the same week as the Match Play in Austin, Texas. He tried to qualify for the U.S. Open a month later, but shot 77 at local qualifying in Texas and didn't come close to

the eight players who advanced to the next stage. The last athlete from another sport who tried to earn a Web.com Tour card was tennis player Mardy Fish in 2014.

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry has played a Web.com Tour event each of the last two

years at the Ellie Mae Classic at TPC Stonebrae. He has missed the cut both times, including rounds of 71-86 this year.

Eleven athletes from other sports have played the Web.com Tour. None has made the cut.

So for Romo, this might be the ultimate Hail Mary. □

Ohio State: Meyer met with team after suspension announced

By KANTELE FRANKO and MITCH STACY

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State coach Urban Meyer's current suspension and previous paid leave have restricted him from talking football with his staff and athletes during August with one exception — a team meeting the day after the suspension was announced.

Meyer and athletic director Gene Smith were allowed to meet with the players and coaches for about 45 minutes last Thursday, according to emails sent to Meyer by the senior vice president for human resources, Susan Basso.

The emails outlining the details of Meyer's suspension were obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday through an open records request and first reported by Ohio State's campus newspaper, The Lantern. Meyer can't attend practices, meetings or official events, and can't conduct any business related to being head coach. He also will lose six weeks of salary — approximately \$500,000 — in a year he is slated to earn \$7.6 million under a deal that runs through 2022. Meyer and Smith were suspended over their handling of a now-fired assistant coach who was accused of domestic violence. Meyer resumes some coaching duties Monday but can't coach during the first three games. He will be allowed to run practices after the team's first game.

Meyer and athletic director Gene Smith met with the team on Thursday. Meyer received written details of the suspension on Sunday, four days after the discipline was announced publicly. At 5:53 p.m. Monday, Meyer was sent an email from Basso confirming that the Thursday meeting — "in order to apologize to the team" — had been authorized. A university spokesman said Ohio State Presi-

dent Michael V. Drake had authorized the meeting with the "understanding and support" of members of the board of trustees.

Meyer's sideline substitute for the first three games will be 39-year-old co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Ryan Day, a second-year Ohio State assistant who has never before been a head coach but has been filling in while Meyer is out.

"I will tell you that we were happy to see him," Day said of the Thursday meeting, adding that "there were a lot of hugs."

"As you can imagine he was kind of giving them an update on what was going on, kind of explaining some of the situation and talking about moving forward," Day said during a Big Ten coaches conference call. "We try to keep most of those meetings between us, but that was the gist of it."

At a media availability with Ohio State captains on Tuesday, the first since preseason camp opened, university communications staffers tried to block questions about Meyer and the investigation, cutting off reporters by firmly saying "football questions only." But a few of the players were able to touch on it.

Senior H-back Parris Campbell said that while the routine continues, Meyer's absence is conspicuous.

"His presence obviously just overwhelms a lot of people, the opposing team or just having him in the locker room," Campbell said. "He just has a presence. He's a leader, one of the greatest coaches of all time. I think that's what we're missing. You just can't put that into words, you know what I mean?"

The suspensions followed a two-week investigation that found Meyer and the athletic director mismanaged now-fired assistant coach Zach Smith, who was accused of domestic



FILE - In this Aug. 22, 2018, file photo, Ohio State football coach Urban Meyer makes a statement during a news conference in Columbus, Ohio.

Associated Press

violence and other problematic behavior. Zach Smith — the grandson of former Ohio State coach and Meyer mentor Earle Bruce — has denied being aggressive with his ex-wife. Meyer eventually acknowledged he was aware of domestic violence allegations from 2015 but didn't fire Zach Smith until July 24,

after his ex-wife was granted a domestic protection order.

Because Zach Smith wasn't arrested for domestic violence in 2015, neither Meyer nor athletic director Gene Smith believed they were obligated to report it to university officials.

On Monday, Ohio State defensive coordinator

Greg Schiano described his contact with Meyer.

"Well Urban is, before he's my boss, he's a friend," Schiano said. "I've known him for over 20 years. So when I was allowed to, I did communicate. And that's personal. It wasn't about football. It was about him. Because I was worried about him. I'll leave it at that." □

King wins 4th Vuelta stage, Kwiatkowski keeps red jersey

ALFACAR, Spain (AP) — Benjamin King of the United States dominated the final climb to win the fourth stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Tuesday, with overall leader Michael Kwiatkowski keeping the red jersey despite losing time.

King was in control through the final meters of the 161.4-kilometer (100.3-mile) stage, comfortably securing the victory and becoming the first American to win a Vuelta stage since Chris Horner in 2013. "I didn't start believing until the last kilometer," the 29-year-old King said. "I'm still in shock. I set winning a Grand Tour stage as a goal for myself. I've worked so hard for this."

Nikita Stalnov crossed the line two seconds behind King, and Pierre Rolland was third, 13 seconds behind the winner. King and Stalnov got away with about 10 kilometers (6 miles) to go and were joined by Rolland at the summit, but King was able to overpower them in the final meters.

"At some point I realized the front group would fight for the stage but I wasn't

convinced I'd be the strongest," said King, of team Dimension Data. "I was totally jacked up, I could feel the cramps but I stayed strong in the head and got it. It's incredible."

Kwiatkowski, leading Team Sky in the absence of 2017 Vuelta champion Chris Froome, had his 14-second lead cut in half, with Emanuel Buchmann moving to second place after a ninth-place finish on Tuesday.

"Today's scenario was perfect for me," Kwiatkowski said. "It wasn't my interest to chase the break, but to maintain a good position and save some strength and that's what I did."

Simon Yates, who was eighth on Tuesday, jumped to third overall, 10 seconds off the lead, while local favorite Alejandro Valverde dropped from second to fourth, 12 seconds off the pace.

Wednesday's fifth stage will take riders back to the coast through a mountainous route of nearly 190 kilometers (120 miles) from Granada to the municipality of Roquetas de Mar. □



By: Dr Carlos Viana

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Medically, menopause is defined as: when you have not had a menstruation in a year. In fact, Menopause is really the end of a long, slow process called perimenopause, marked by changes in a woman's body. Menopause is a normal part of a woman's life, just like puberty. A woman's ovaries in her mid-30 begin to change how much estrogen and progesterone they produce. These two female hormones are both important for normal menstrual cycles and successful pregnancy.

In our clinic, when I inform women between 35 and 50 years old that the symptoms they are feeling, which seem to be Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS) are actually "Pre" or Peri-menopause symptoms. Many women remark that since they are not over fifty, this cannot be! Although, the current average age of menopause is about 52. The age span is usually from 45 to 55. However, symptoms of the body's changes during perimenopause can begin in the late 30's and last up to thirteen years!

Statistics indicate that approximately one in a hundred women goes through menopause at age 40 or younger. Early menopause can occur as a result of surgery, for example, when a woman has a hysterectomy or uterine removal with ovarian removal. According to some experts, early menopause can also be caused by various factors, such as an autoimmune disorder related to poor nutrition or chronic stress resulting in the production of anti-ovarian anti-

bodies.

Menopausal symptoms include hot flashes, mood swings, heart palpitations, insomnia, anxiety, depression, weight gain, decline in skin quality, muscle loss, low or lost libido and inability to concentrate. Becoming less able to handle daily tasks for women, who are masters at juggling or multi-tasking, may come as a surprise and cause feelings of inadequacy or frustration. Although bewildered husbands, children and a society that thrives on youth seem to believe all menopausal women experience symptoms for years on end, research indicates that 15 percent of women are symptom-free at menopause. Medical researchers have documented that while some women simply stop menstruating and have no symptoms whatsoever, 85 percent will experience some degree of hot flashes. As a medical anthropologist, I can tell you some cultures, such as traditional Navahos, exhibited and reported few symptoms of menopause. Moreover, socioeconomic status was strongly correlated to menopausal women's experience of symptoms. Women in higher income brackets showed an elevated rate of symptoms. This study indicates that psychological factors, rather than physical ones, may strongly determine menopausal symptoms. Belief systems, feelings and attitude can go a long in affecting many health concerns. Major factors influencing a woman's emotional and physical passage through the change of life include: personal health and childbearing history, health of her female ancestors and living female relatives, past and present dietary habits, past and present tobacco and alcohol use, medications, exercise, life style, stress and self-esteem. Another very influential factor is the amount of circulating glucose and insulin in the blood stream.

Many women have been led to believe that there is a cure for menopause by using estrogen or other forms of hormone replacement therapy (HRT). New medical findings have proven that synthetic hormone replacement may do women more harm than good. Younger women using synthetic birth control pills, patches or injections are using a form of HRT. This can be a big factor affecting women of perimenopausal age. In our clinic, we try to get all women

off synthetic, artificial hormone changing birth control. We recommend using safer methods to keep track of their fertility status together with natural family planning and hormone balancing. A simple to use at home "fertility scope" can be effective in keeping track of a perimenopausal woman's changing cycles. Herbs such as Dong Quai, Red Chestnut, Rhodiola, Black Cohosh and Kudzu have long been known for menopausal and perimenopausal support as well as B vitamins.

Since women's hormone levels vary greatly, natural alternatives work best when used under professional guidance. Some women should not use estrogen. Some need DHEA or testosterone, a hormone found in men, as well. Hormone levels can fluctuate greatly during menopause and women may need test their hormone levels and adjust their hormone therapy throughout the change. Accurate, comprehensive tests are available from laboratories specializing in hormones using saliva or blood spot rather than a tube of blood.

Specialty hormone testing is not only for menopausal women, but should begin in "pre" or peri-menopause. And, let's talk about the men. Men's hormone levels also change with age. This is known as andropause. All men over 50 need to check not only prostate, but also hormone levels. Testosterone can diminish even in younger men and women. Testosterone is responsible for muscle strength, beautiful hair and a healthy libido.

Get The Point! Aging and menopause are natural, not diseases, so a "cure" is unnecessary. Only with factual information can we begin to manage normal changes in our bodies. Having symptoms? Acupuncture and Chinese herbs have been used for more than 5,000 years to help rejuvenate the body and treat menopausal symptoms. Acupuncture can help ease symptoms such as insomnia, night sweats, mood swings and stress. A diet designed for the individual, including dietary supplements and nature's herbs can make your transition easier. Counseling can bring a positive change in attitude. With information and guidance, men and women can journey through these life's changes with healthy "pauses" for rebalancing and enjoyment. Call us for a guided journey. □

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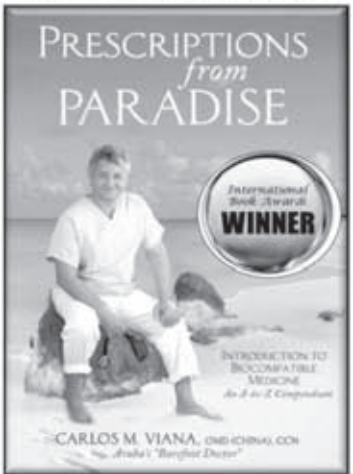
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US stocks slip after early gains, but remain near records

By MARLEY JAY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks are slightly lower Tuesday after giving up an early gain. Energy companies and banks are taking modest losses. Retailers including DSW and Tiffany are climbing after strong quarterly reports.

Major stock indexes reached record highs after strong gains the past two days.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P 500 index fell 1 point, or 0.1 percent, to 2,895 as of noon Eastern time. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 13 points, or 0.1 percent, to 26,063. The Nasdaq composite fell 1 point to 8,016. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dipped 3 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,724.

Canada's foreign minister is traveling to Washington Tuesday to restart talks on trade, a day after stocks rose on news that the Trump administration had reached a preliminary deal with Mexico to replace the



In this April 5, 2018, file photo a sign for a Wall Street subway station is shown.

Associated Press

North American Free Trade Agreement.

RETAIL RESULTS: Shoe retailer DSW surged 20.1 percent to \$32.67 percent after reporting second-quarter results that were far stronger than analysts expected. Sales surpassed Wall Street forecasts, and the com-

pany raised its estimates for the rest of the year.

Tiffany did the same and its stock jumped added 1.1 percent to \$131.31 DSW stock has climbed 53 percent in 2018 and Tiffany has rallied 26 percent.

Like many other retailers, they had slumped in re-

cent years as they faced growing competition from online retailers and sinking sales in stores. Their stocks have climbed recently as they improved their online businesses, but when they fall short of expectations the stocks have taken precipitous drops. That hap-

pened to Macy's, Gap and J.C. Penney in the second quarter.

On Tuesday Best Buy fell 7 percent to \$75.97 after issuing a disappointing forecast for the current quarter. **TECH ON TOP:** Apple added 0.6 percent to \$219.31 as technology companies, the most valuable part of the S&P 500, did better than the rest of the market. Chipmaker Xilinx rose 1.4 percent to \$76.26 and Qualcomm gained 2.7 percent to \$69.17.

CURRENCIES: The dollar continued to slip as investors reacted to signs the U.S. was making progress in resolving some of its trade disputes. The Trump administration has announced numerous tariffs this year, and those tariffs have made the dollar stronger.

The dollar fell to 111.06 yen from 111.10 yen. The euro rose to \$1.1722 from \$1.1680.

COLD SOUP: Campbell Soup lost 1.4 percent to \$40.15 after the New York Post reported that the company is wrapping up a strategic review and is unlikely to try to sell itself. Campbell announced the review in May along with the departure of CEO Denise Morrison.

The Post reported in July that activist investor Daniel Loeb is pushing the company to sell, and if it decides not to, he could launch a bid for control of the company. □

US consumer confidence rises to 18-year high

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' consumer confidence rose in August to the highest level in nearly 18 years as their assessment of current conditions improved further and their expectations about the future rebounded.

The Conference Board reported Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose to 133.4 in August, up from a reading 127.9 in July. It was the highest reading since confidence stood at 135.8 in October 2000.

Consumers' confidence in their ability to get a job and the overall economy are seen as important indicators of how freely they will spend, especially on big-ticket items such as cars, in coming months. Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of economic activity.

"Expectations, which had

declined in June and July, bounced back in August and continue to suggest solid economic growth for the remainder of 2018," said Lynn Franco, director of economic indicators at the Conference Board. "These historically high confidence levels should continue to support health consumer spending in the near term." The overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at a 4.1 percent rate in the April-June quarter, the best performance since 2014. That estimate will be revised Wednesday. Many economists believe growth has slowed a bit in the current quarter to around 3 percent but will remain far ahead of the weak 2.2 percent GDP growth rate in the first quarter.

"Confidence is soaring to new heights which makes us bullish on growth and forecasts that this expansion may indeed shatter



In this July 3, 2018, file photo, a shopper carries bags in San Francisco.

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records for longevity next summer," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial econo-

mist at MUFG Union Bank in New York. □




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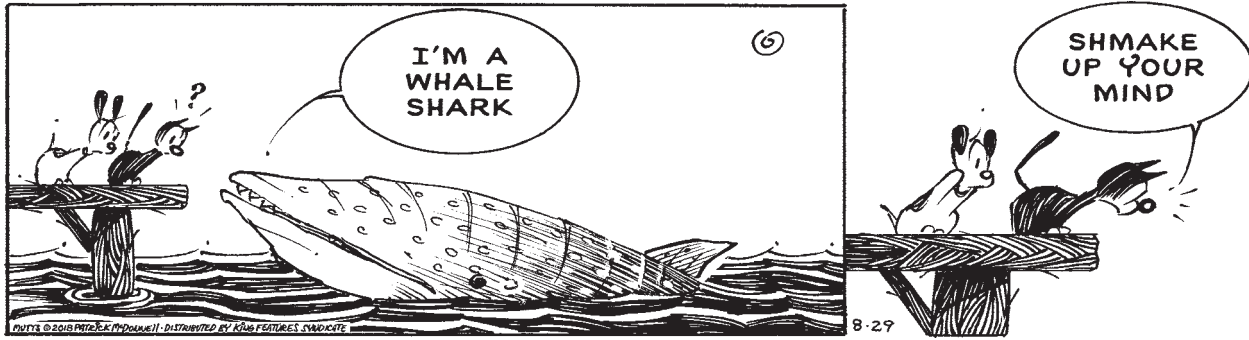
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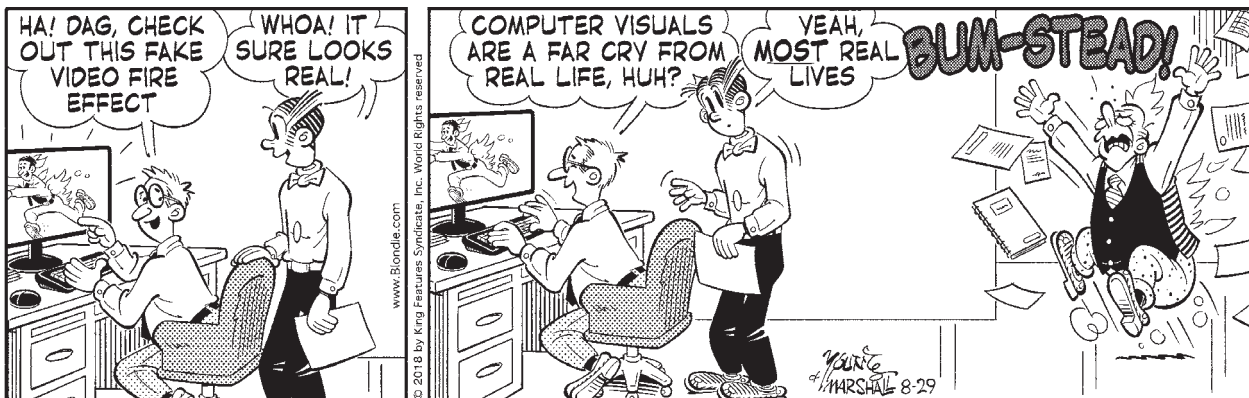
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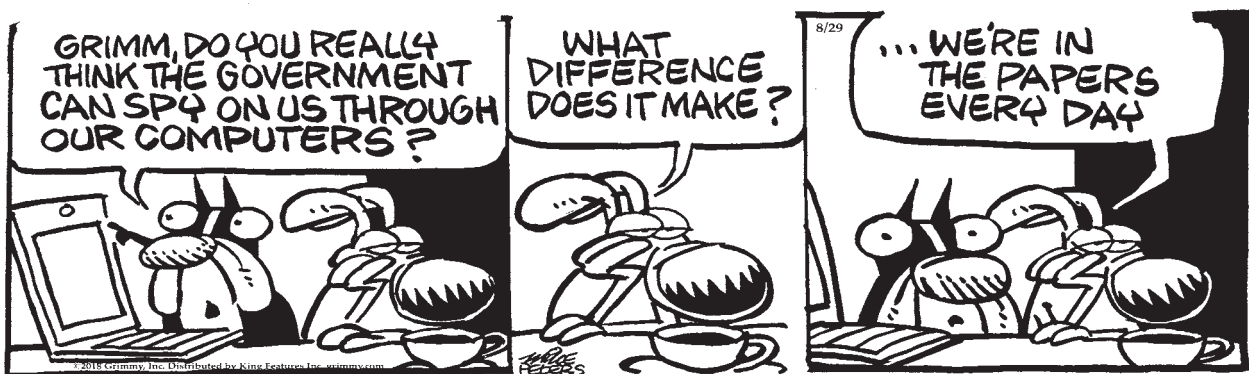
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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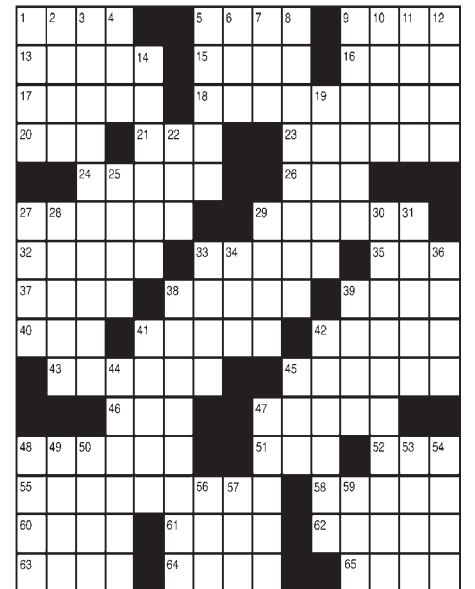
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ACROSS

- Drain problem
- Broth
- Lung disorder, for short
- Took on employees
- Forest tree
- Wahine's dance
- In a rage
- Drawn out
- Sillet
- Org. for Wings and Flames
- Midwest state
- Judge's mallet
- "The Voice" network
- Poor person
- Tripoli native
- Modify
- Rich with foliage
- Cauldron
- Clothed
- Calmness
- Gray wolf
- Relatives
- Spend foolishly
- Shoe bottoms
- Prose writings
- Thread holders
- That fellow
- "There's no such ___ as a free lunch"
- Recessed part of a room
- Needle's hole
- Ames and Asner
- Mementos
- Become less severe
- Qualified
- Sound the horn
- Go down easily
- Holey fabrics
- Lather
- Frosted

DOWN

- Chocolate ___ cookies
- Italy's dollar before the euro
- Reddish apes
- Acquire
- Participate in a bee
- Car engine need
- One in Madrid
- Pocket-size cutter
- Uncertain; haphazard
- Pitcher's delights
- "Guilty" or "Not guilty"
- June honorees
- U.S. state capital
- Talkative
- That girl
- Ridiculed
- Prepare for a trip
- TV's "Kate & ___"
- Mantilla fabric
- Sorry
- ___ Peace Prize
- Not as much
- Break a fast
- Throw
- Remittances
- Crazy as a ___
- Forgo voluntarily



Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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- Salesmen's pitches
- Pushes roughly
- Bashful
- Examinations
- As comfortable old shoe
- Frontal ___; part of the brain
- Small group devoted to a leader
- City fellow on a ranch
- Drove too fast
- Debtor's note
- Curtain holder
- Actor Wallach

Aww, times 4: Berlin zoo fetes birth of Sumatran tiger cubs

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — A Berlin zoo is celebrating the birth of four rare Sumatran tiger cubs earlier this month. The Tierpark Berlin zoo said Friday that 7-year-old Mayang gave birth to two female and two male cubs Aug 4. It is her first litter with 10-year-old male Harfan. The zoo said the cubs are about "bunny size" and will remain secluded from the public until the end of October. Sumatran tigers are regarded by conservationists as critically endangered. About 350 to 450 animals exist in the wild. Zoo director Andreas Knieriem said the cubs are genetically valuable to European zoos trying to prevent the extinction of the Sumatran tiger. □



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Cold, dry climate shifts linked to Neanderthal disappearance

By MALCOLM RITTER

NEW YORK (AP) — Ancient periods of cold and dry climate helped our species replace Neanderthals in Europe, a study suggests.

Researchers found that such cold periods coincided with an apparent disappearance of our evolutionary cousins in different parts of the continent, followed by the appearance of our species, *Homo sapiens*.

"Whether they moved or died out, we can't tell," said Michael Staubwasser of the University of Cologne in Germany.

Neanderthals once lived in Europe and Asia but died out about 40,000 years ago, just a few thousand years after our species, *Homo sapiens*, arrived in Europe. Scientists have long debated what happened, and some have blamed the change in climate. Other proposed explanations have included epidemics and the idea that the newcomers edged out the Neanderthals for resources.

Staubwasser and colleagues reported their findings Monday in the Proceedings of the National



In this 2013 photo provided by Bogdan Onac, researcher Vasile Ersek stands in the Ascunsa Cave in Romania. Scientists say ancient shifts in climate helped our species replace Neanderthals in Europe.

Associated Press

Academy of Sciences. They drew on existing climate, archaeological and ecological data and added new indicators of ancient climate from studies of two caves in Romania.

Their study highlighted two cold and dry periods. One

began about 44,000 years ago and lasted about 1,000 years. The other began about 40,800 years ago and lasted six centuries. The timing of those events matches the periods when artifacts from Neanderthals disappear and

signs of *H. sapiens* appear in sites within the Danube River valley and in France, they noted.

The climate shifts would have replaced forest with shrub-filled grassland, and *H. sapiens* may have been better adapted to that

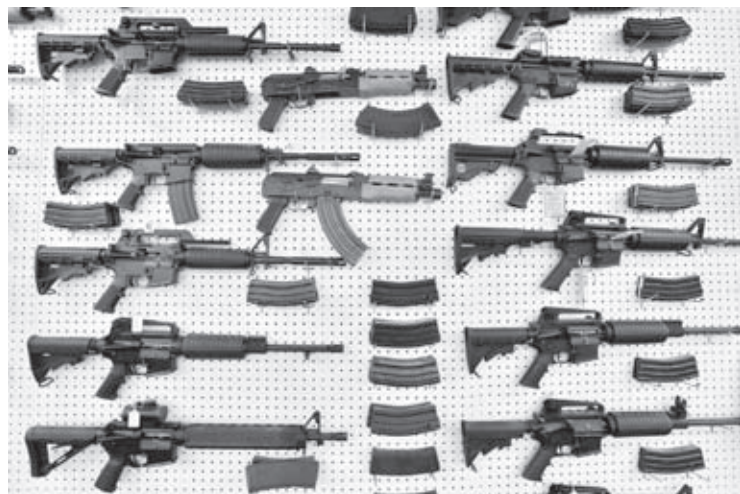
new environment than the Neanderthals were, so they could move in after Neanderthals disappeared, the researchers wrote.

Katerina Harvati, a Neanderthal expert at the University of Tuebingen in Germany who wasn't involved in the study, said it's helpful to have the new climate data from southeastern Europe, a region that *H. sapiens* is thought to have used to spread through the continent.

But she said it's unclear whether Neanderthals disappeared and *H. sapiens* appeared at the times the authors indicate, because the studies they cite rely on limited evidence and are sometimes open to dispute. Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum in London said he thought the paper made a good case for an impact of the climate shifts on Neanderthals, although he believes other factors were also at work in their disappearance.

Rick Potts of the Smithsonian Institution called the study "a refreshing new look" at the species replacement. □

Worldwide gun deaths reach 250,000 yearly; U.S. ranks high



In this July 20, 2014 file photo, guns are displayed for sale by an arms seller east of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Associated Press

By LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Gun deaths worldwide total about 250,000 yearly and the United States is among just six countries that make up half of those fatalities, a study found.

The results from one of the most comprehensive analyses of firearm deaths reveal "a major public health problem for humanity," according to an editorial published with the study Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Although recent headlines make it seem like gun killings are surging globally, the new figures tell a more nuanced story.

Researchers counted about 209,000 gun deaths in 1990 compared to 251,000 in 2016. The average rate, about 4 per 100,000 people, was mostly

unchanged.

Two-thirds of the deaths in 2016 were homicides, although the U.S. is among wealthy countries where suicides by gun outnumber gun killings, the study found.

The numbers reflect more than "how many guns are around in a country," said lead author Dr. Christopher Murray, a professor of health metrics at the University of Washington. Cultural beliefs about guns and suicide vary widely around the world, he noted, adding, "That's where we get this incredible range of firearm deaths."

There were larger increases in many of the 195 countries involved in the study, particularly in Central American and South America, where the rates reached nearly 40 per 100,000 in some places. Researchers said the drug trade and

economic instability may have contributed.

Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela are the countries that with the U.S. contributed to half the study deaths. The study raises concerns about the lack of research on causes of gun violence and ways to prevent it, the editorial said.

Among the findings:

—In 2016, 64 percent of global gun deaths were homicides, 27 percent were suicides and 9 percent were accidental.

—Gun deaths in the U.S. climbed from 35,800 in 1990 to 37,200 in 2016, but the rate dipped slightly to 11 per 100,000. Gun suicides increased from 19,700 to 23,800.

—The U.S. had the second-highest gun suicide rate in 2016, just over 6 deaths per 100,000 — a slight dip from the 1990 rate. □



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Fall Film Preview: A prestige movie wave from Netflix

By JAKE COYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — The frustratingly long wait for Tamara Jenkins' follow-up to her 2007 Oscar-nominated film, "The Savages," seemed to finally be coming to end. She had spent two years on the script to "Private Life," and secured Kathryn Hahn and Paul Giamatti to star as a middle-aged New York couple navigating the medical and emotional gauntlet of assisted reproduction. But just when the production was ready to go, the company that had developed it, Amazon Studios, stepped back, leaving Jenkins in the lurch. Enter Netflix.

"I think 'swooped' would be the perfect word. They saved it," says Jenkins, the 56-year-old filmmaker of "The Slums of Beverly Hills." "I was scared. I thought we're going to blow it. We were going to miss the window. And then Netflix said, 'We'll do it' and they said it incredibly fast."

Jenkins' "Private Life" (Oct. 5) is part of what may be the most extensive fall movie slate any studio has ever put together. Between September and Christmas, Netflix will release at least 25 films. There will be one or two new movies released almost every week, many of them by the most sought-after filmmakers in Hollywood.

Among them: Nicole Holofcener's midlife crisis drama "The Land of Steady Habits" (Sept. 14), Jeremy Saulnier's northern Alaska thriller "Hold the Dark" (Sept. 28), Paul Greengrass' docudrama on the 2011 Norway terrorist attack "22 July" (Oct. 19), David Mackenzie's Robert the Bruce epic "Outlaw King" (Nov. 9), Joel and Ethan Coen's Western anthology film "The Ballad of Buster Scruggs" (Nov. 16) and Alfonso Cuarón's "Gravity" follow-up "Roma." And that's not even mentioning a new work, the posthumously completed "The Other Side of the Wind," from a long-unheard-from filmmaker: Orson Welles.

A year after "Mudbound" became Netflix's biggest Oscar contender yet, the



This image released by Netflix shows a scene from Paul Greengrass' docudrama on the 2011 Norway terrorist attack "22 July," premiering on Oct. 19.

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streaming giant's programming push (it's spending some \$8 billion in 2018) is heading into this year's awards season with a wave of prestige and genre-movie reinforcements. Whether the Netflix tide will roll all the way into the Academy Awards remains to be seen. (Some, like Steven Spielberg, have suggested Netflix films, with their small, token theatrical releases, are more like TV movies and should qualify for the Emmys, not the Oscars.)

But regardless, the Netflix powerhouse fall lineup would be the envy of most any studio. It's a significant surge for a company with an up-and-down record in terms of the quality of its original films. (See: "Bright," "War Machine" or any of the Adam Sandler movies.) And though critics have claimed Netflix releases can get lost in its sea of programming options, it will be hard to miss the Netflix movies this fall. There will be six Netflix films at the Venice Film Festival and eight at the Toronto International Film Festival.

"I usually turn it on its head and say: Look, movies are found on Netflix," says Ian Bricke, co-head of Netflix's indie film division. "And it's certainly important for us, too, that these movies are

in the culture. 'Private Life' was at Sundance, will be at the New York Film Festival, will be in theaters. It will be written about and experienced and talked about in a way that any other film would be, and can reach potentially, over a very short period of time, a really meaningful audience all over the world. To me, that's the best of both worlds."

Cuarón's much anticipated "Roma" had been headed for Cannes. But after Netflix pulled its films from the French festival after Cannes ruled them out from the main competition, "Roma" will instead hit the Venice, Toronto and the New York festivals before arriving on Netflix in December. For the Mexican filmmaker of "Gravity" and "Children of Men," the '70s-set, black-and-white, Spanish-language "Roma" is a bold departure that forced Cuarón to remake himself as a filmmaker.

But like Jenkins' "Private Life," Cuarón's deeply personal film, about the Mexico City neighborhood of his youth, was never going to be an easy sell to distributors. Netflix, where original films are typically watched by millions, meant a global release far beyond the art house. Cuarón calls Netflix's

support of "Roma" "unprecedented."

"The specialized film, the so-called foreign film market nowadays is very challenging and sometimes their resources are limited," says Cuarón. "Netflix fully believe in the film and they understand these kinds of films can have a huge audience. So now they are in a creative and aggressive way supporting the film. What they offered was absolutely compelling. I'm really, really grateful for them."

For Cuarón, making "Roma," about a domestic worker for a middle-class family, was part of connecting again with the "personal journey" of cinema. He estimates 90 percent of it is based on his memories. He went to great lengths to recreate his childhood home. None of the crew or cast had a script.

"It's something that's been brewing for a long, long, long time," he says of the film.

Jenkins, too, was pulling from her own experience for "Private Life." The film is partly based on the pregnancy trials of her own with her husband, the screenwriter Jim Taylor. Even though it wasn't Jenkins' initial instinct to dramatize that chapter of her life.

"When I was kind of downloading my woes or whatever, a girlfriend of mine who's a filmmaker said, 'Oh my god, you should really write about that.' And I was like, 'No way! I'll never do that! Gross!'" says Jenkins. But as she witnessed more friends going through similar fertility challenges, she reconsidered. "There was something so existential about that problem. It's so primal. I just thought it was a great lens to examine this couple."

Both "Private Life" and Holofcener's "The Land of Steady Habits" were abandoned in development elsewhere when they were picked up by Bricke and his fellow indie co-head Matt Levin. Without consulting content chief Ted Sarandos, they can greenlight anything with a budget under \$10 million.

"We have a business model and an appetite for creative risk that's not unique but is relatively scarce," says Bricke. "When a Charlie Kauffman or a Tamara Jenkins or a Nicole Holofcener comes around, it's pretty easy for us to jump in with them."

Holofcener's film stars Ben Mendelsohn as Anders Hill, a Connecticut man who has left his wife (Edie Falco), quit his job in finance and begun acting recklessly. Based on Ted Thompson's novel, it's the first adaptation for Holofcener, the writer-director of "Enough Said" and "Friends With Money," and the first centered on a man.

"I absolutely identify with him, as a parent, as a divorced parent, who inevitably is going to make mistakes," says Holofcener. "I like to think I don't make such serious mistakes or catastrophic mistakes as Anders makes. But we're all so flawed and stumbling along on our own and trying to be role models for our kids. They go whatever way they want and we can't control them. It's scary. I relate to that in him. I'm nicer than he is, I like to think, and not as screwed up. But that's what makes a good movie, right?" □

Impromptu opera regales Mexico City market-goers

By AMY GUTHRIE
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The tenor breaks into song next to bunches of bananas strung high above ripe papaya. Wearing a red market apron, he approaches a woman wrapped in a purple shawl and serenades her for 90 seconds while clutching her hand and looking her in the eyes. Tears stream down the woman's face.

The opera performance Saturday is part of an effort to bring the arts to everyday life in Mexico City. A troupe of four singers surprise shoppers at one of the city's 300 public markets, chopping beef while they belt out romanzas, courting fruit vendors with arias or, in the case of the tenor, moving a woman to tears with lines like "eyes that cry don't know how to lie" from the Spanish-language opera "La Tabernera del Pueblo." After the song, the tenor hugs the women — a total stranger before the serenade — and kisses her on the cheek. Shopper Ana Garcia, 65, says she never



Tenor Dante Alcala performs in a taco stand of the Argentina market in Mexico City, Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018.

Associated Press

expected to hear "such beautiful voices" while browsing the fruit aisle.

The tenor is a market vendor himself: Francisco Pedraza sells shoes seven days a week near the Basilica of Guadalupe. He trained to sing opera via private lessons from the age of 16 until 30, but he felt excluded from the tight-knit opera circle in Mexico. He performed when and where he could, often as a backup singer for bands that play regional Mexican music.

"The voice is an instrument

that you have to exercise continuously to always maintain the same range,"

he says.

One day in June, the opera crew appeared for a sound check at the market where Pedraza sells shoes. Pedraza, who is 50, approached the group's artistic director. He auditioned on the spot and was invited to join the troupe. Pedraza's wife runs the store while he's out singing.

The singers are on tour as part of a pilot program that began in June and concludes in November. Juan Carlos Diaz, coordinator of the community cultural action program for Mexico's national fine arts institute, says he is planning more

impromptu operas in 2019.

The idea is to awaken interest in the arts by bringing opera and dance performances to places where people gather, such as public markets and metro stations. Diaz calls them "spontaneous interruptions in social life." The fine arts institute is also coaching kids to make puppets and other crafts at city museums.

Lydia Rendon, a mezzo-soprano in the troupe who is also a music therapist, describes opera as music that makes people vibrate both emotionally and physiologically "like a magical acoustic massage." □

Art group to rebuild Berlin Wall in German capital



In this Nov. 14, 1989 file photo two East German border guards patrolled atop of Berlin Wall with the illuminated Brandenburg Gate in background, in Berlin.

Associated Press

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The German capital is getting its infamous Berlin Wall back — at least for four weeks.

A group of artists said Tuesday they're planning to build a facsimile of the wall around a downtown Berlin block in mid-October.

Visitors of the art installation must buy "visas" online starting at 15 euros (\$17.50.) When entering the walled area, they'll have to exchange their cellphones for a smartphone which will provide individual instructions for a tour including documentaries, exhibits or concerts.

The artists are not interested in creating a "Disney-style East Germany," said Thomas Oberender of the Berliner Festspiele which organizes many performing arts events in the capital. Instead, the intention is more focused on creating an experience of traveling to a foreign country and losing the sense of freedom.

"Maybe it's not going to be so exciting overall," he said. "However, I think it will be." Visitors will not know in advance what kind of events will take place on the day they're "in the city inside the city," as the project has been dubbed. The smart-

phone they're given may lead them to a fake conference of scientists or a meeting with a counselor. If they reject that offer, they will be suggested another event.

The artists' group DAU, which is behind the project, says it wants to distribute between 1,500-3,000 "visas" per day.

Inside the walled block, there will also be viewing platforms from which visitors can peer outside into Berlin — in contrast to the Cold War platforms where people could peek into East Berlin from the West.

The district that will be walled in lies on the city's downtown Unter den Linden boulevard and will include the famous State Opera, the Kurfuerstenpalais palace and other historical buildings. The artists, who envision special dispensations for people who work or live inside the zone, are still waiting for the final OK from the city's authorities for their project.

The wall will be torn down on Nov. 9 — 29 years after the original Berlin Wall came down. The original wall was built by communist East Germany and divided the city from 1961 to 1989. □

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Kingsley: I wanted to nail Eichmann to gates of Auschwitz

By JOHN CARUCCI

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Ben Kingsley said he didn't portray Adolf Eichmann out of love or admiration. Rather, he wanted to "nail him to the gates of Auschwitz."

The Oscar-winning Kingsley, who has tackled historical figures before, including Mahatma Gandhi, Otto Frank and Simon Wiesenthal, said playing Eichmann in "Operation Finale" produced an entirely different feeling in him.

"With Gandhi, I loved him. With Simon, I loved him. With Otto, I loved him. With Itzhak (Stern), I loved him. But him — I'll nail you to the gates of Auschwitz. I'll put you up there so everyone can see what you did, what you stood for and who you are," Kingsley told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

The story takes place fifteen years after the end of World War II. A team of Mossad agents travel to Argentina with the extremely dangerous mission of smuggling Eichmann out of the country to bring him to justice in Israel.

Eichmann, wanted for war crimes, was living in the South American country after escaping Germany at



In this Aug. 16, 2018 photo, Ben Kingsley attends the premiere of "Operation Finale" at the Walter Reade Theater in New York.

Associated Press

the end of the war. He was the main architect of the Final Solution, the Nazi plan to exterminate Jews that led to more than six million deaths.

"I put him into the camera for you to judge him, for you to see. I've let go of him and I dedicated my performance to Elie Wiesel and the millions who lost their lives under his command," Kingsley said.

"Rather than saying to the man that I portrayed, 'I am doing this for you,' because I certainly wasn't, I used to say to Elie Wiesel, 'I'm doing this for you,' because I know that Elie and other survivors said quite rightly that if we forget the six million, we are murdering them all over again."

In the film, the rhetoric spoken by Eichmann bares an eerie similarity to the vicious

debates currently surrounding the immigration issue in the United States and across the globe. Kingsley sees the film as a cautionary tale and hopes that audiences "will have thoughts after the seeing the film that they did not have before."

After protests by neo-Nazis and white supremacists last year in Charlottesville, Virginia, Kingsley thinks it's

important to not forget the lives lost in the Holocaust, so it doesn't happen again. "Memory is vitally important, truth and memory. I'm quoting now Elie Wiesel, whom I met on several occasions. I loved his company. It was definitely being in the company of what I would say would be comparable to an Old Testament prophet. I felt that also when I was in the presence of Simon Wiesenthal for all those months when I portrayed him. And Simon, quite clearly said that it could happen again. And so did Elie in his heroic pessimistic moments."

"Star Wars" star Oscar Isaac took a break from shooting the latest installment in the franchise to attend the recent New York premiere of "Operation Finale."

"I flew in from a galaxy far, far away where we're shooting in London," he said.

Isaac plays Nazi-hunting Mossad agent Peter Malkin. He also drew parallels between the rhetoric of Eichmann and the vicious debates of today on immigration.

"You start to hear a lot of similar language, and it's so, so powerful what a demagogue can do. □

Murder By Death's 8th album is pensive space western

By PABLO GORONDI

Associated Press

Murder By Death, "The Other Shore" (Bloodshot Records)

On "The Other Shore," Murder By Death challenges the preconception that Pink Floyd, David Bowie and Richard Strauss are what's usually playing in outer space.

The band's album's often have a central theme and the songs on their eight full-length release are billed as a space western focusing on the travails of a couple caught between staying on Earth as it becomes increasingly desolate or choosing the many uncertainties of life in another part of the universe.

In other words, there's no



This cover image released by Bloodshot Records shows "The Other Shore," a release by Murder By Death.

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question that there's life on other planets. But will mandolins and cellos be played on Mars?

Founding members Adam Turla and Sarah Balliet, husband and wife, recently opened an Italian restaurant in Louisville, Kentucky, but the new venture has not diminished the band's intensity and "The Other Shore" sounds as committed and passionate as its predecessors.

No matter the predominant style of each song — alt-country, indie rock, folky goth, or new wave — Balliet's cello gives the tunes a buzz that's just as distinctive as Turla's baritone.

David Fountain's accordion boosts the drama on opener "Alas," which reflects the

muddled logic and contradictions that often accompany big decisions. "True Dark" has the intensity of Love and Rockets and "Bloom" benefits from the vibrant rhythm section of Degan Thogerson (drums) and Tyler Morse (bass). "Last Night on Earth" closes the album without providing an uplifting end — "While the charlatans sold water to the drowned/The lost instructed the found" — and staying true to the prevailing mood.

If Joss Whedon ever gets around to doing another season of "Firefly" or a sequel to "Serenity," Murder By Death would be a shoo-in for the house band at the cantina and a few songs on the soundtrack. □

Quebec City's enticing tableau beyond the wall

By CALVIN WOODWARD

QUEBEC CITY (AP) — It's what's inside the historic wall of Quebec City that makes people want to visit. It's what's outside that makes people want to stay. To visit without venturing outside the 17th century fortification is to miss the outdoor concerts, vistas and history of the hilltop Plains of Abraham, the up-and-coming Limoilou neighborhood where young chefs ply their trade and acrobats learn their craft, or the buzz of Saint-Roch district just outside Old Quebec. On the outskirts, higher-than-Niagara Montmorency Falls roar from a cliff where zip liners screech across the canyon.

It's a diverse tableau of communities, architecture, public markets, museums and nature, much of it accessible by foot from Old Quebec and all of it stitched together by the city's extensive network of bicycle trails or a quick drive.

Bargains in accommodations are another draw: On a visit at the height of the summer tourism season, I stayed at Hotel Royal William, an old, comfortable hotel in the Saint-Roch district, for barely \$75 USD. Royal William and the more upscale Hotel Pur nearby are an engaging 15-minute walk to Old Quebec along shops, cobblestoned alleys and restaurants.

The capital of New France until its conquest by the British in 1759, Old Quebec is recognized by UNESCO



In this June 28, 2018 photo, Lily Henry-Austin, 15, of Silver Spring, Md., soars across the expanse in front of Montmorency Falls on the outskirts of Quebec City.

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as a world heritage site, hailed by the United Nations organization as "a remarkable example of a fortified colonial town, and unique north of Mexico."

The heritage site encompasses the walled Upper Town, overlooked by the commanding Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac Hotel, and Lower Town, where the explorer Samuel de Champlain put ashore with a few dozen men in 1608. Today, the Place Royale district in Lower Town remains so French in character and appearance that its courtyard and 17th century church, Notre-Dame-des-Victoires, stood in for France in Steven Spielberg's 2002 film, "Catch Me

If You Can."

There's plenty to absorb in Old Quebec but there are also inviting places beyond. "If you're staying for three days, basically you would have gone through Old Quebec and its next neighborhoods, like Lower Town and the Old Port," says Paule Bergeron, an executive with Quebec City and region tourism. "Then you have the chance to go visit other neighborhoods." A sampling:

MONTMORENCY FALLS

This beehive of outdoor activity gets the adrenaline going one way or another. Try the zigzag staircase with 487 steps up the cliff, or take the cable car. At 83 meters — 30 meters higher (though far narrower) than Niagara Falls — Montmorency offers a suspension footbridge over the falls, via feratta climbing and a dual zip line that is riveting to watch and another level of excitement to do. The zip line comes with a bonus: Download a free app on the site and you'll come away with a panoramic and close-up video mash-up of you sweeping in front of the crest of the falls, very, very far up.

In winter, frozen spray forms Sugar Loaf, a huge cone of ice at the foot of the falls, all illuminated at night. Ice

climbers scale cliffs framing the waterfall. Getting there: A bicycle ride of just over 8 miles or 13 km, almost all on dedicated bike paths; 20 minutes by car; or by bus. When: Park is accessible year-round. Cable car is year-round except Jan. 7-25 and March 9-April 14. The zip line for this season ends Oct. 8, reopens in spring.

THE MONTCALM ARTS DISTRICT

Quebec and international art are the draw at Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec in this high-elevation neighborhood, named for the French general whose forces were overcome by British invad-

ers on the Plains of Abraham. On the plains, free and ticketed concerts roll through the summer, including an 11-day festival in July that is one of Canada's largest outdoor music events. It's a neighborhood distinguished by galleries, bookstores, urban terraces for pub-crawling and streetlamps decorated with reproduced works from the art museum.

Getting there: A 20-minute walk from Chateau Frontenac, the towering landmark of the walled city. When: Year-round, with the concert season geared to summer.

OLD PORT and the PROMENADE SAMUEL-DE-CHAMPLAIN

The promenade is a river-front section of a bicycle and walking path that extends nearly 30 miles or 50 km from the Quebec city Bridges on the west to Montmorency Falls. It takes in stunning views of the waterfront and cliffs, the sprawling Old Port farmers market, and grain silos that are transformed at night into light sculptures with colors of the aurora borealis. How to get there: Right outside Lower Town. When: Year-round, bicycling as deep into winter as you can stand the cold. The Old Port market is open each day year-round but expected to close in the spring to make way for a new market in the Limoilou district. A smaller farmers market will take its place near Place Royale. □



In this June 23, 2018 photo, performers entertain a crowd in an open-air concert on the Plains of Abraham during Quebec's national holiday weekend.

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In this June 7, 2016 photo, motorists pass by street art under elevated road in Quebec City, part of a neighborhood transformation meant to beautify utilitarian stretch of the city.

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